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FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL SHOULD BOOST SAYER'S INTERNATIONAL AIMS

THE name's the same and so is the position — but don't get confused over your Mike Englands.

Bristol Rovers have a centre-half of that name, but don't confuse him with the Mike England who played for Wales, Blackburn, Tottenham and Cardiff.

Young Mike is a Bristol-born 18-year-old who joined the Eastville staff in the summer of 1977 and turned professional last January.

Like the old Mike, he is a fair cricketer having played for the Avon team.



BRIGHTON'S young star, Peter Sayer, hopes that promotion to the First Division will mean more international recognition for him.

Sayer left Cardiff, his home town club, in February, 1978, four months after he had gained his seventh cap for Wales in a World Cup qualifying match with Scotland at Anfield. And since then, life hasn't always gone as smoothly as the youngster would have liked.

"Competition for places is very tight at Brighton and no one is certain of a first team spot," he says. "I lost mine when I was injured early in the New Year and I couldn't get it back. But that sort of competition for places is very healthy and I'm sure that it will help Brighton remain a top club."

"I'm convinced I need to play in a top side like this and do well, to get back into the Welsh side. I haven't played for Wales since that Scotland match and I'm sure that's because there are now more players available to Mike Smith. You need to be in top class football with a good side to catch the eye and I'm sure my Welsh prospects will be considerably enhanced if I keep playing well for Brighton and they continue to be successful."

"I'm a true, proud Welshman and I want to win more caps for my country. I'm determined to do well for Brighton in the First Division and get back my Welsh shirt."

NORWICH CITY ended the season with a Football League record and a current distinction they could well do without.

The 1-1 result to their final game, at home to Nottingham Forest, made Canaries the first club in the League's 81-year history to have drawn 23 matches (out of 42) — one more than Aldershot, Chester and Tranmere earlier in the '70's, who all split the points in their 22 matches out of 46 in the Third and Fourth Divisions.

But Norwich have gone longer without an away victory than any club — their most recent success was a 3-1 win at West Ham on August 20th, 1977.

BENFICA BOSS WANTS A JOB IN ENGLAND

JOHN Mortimore, the former Chelsea star who has been manager of Benfica for the past three years, is heading home to look for a job in England.

He has been a huge success in Lisbon and the Portuguese club offered him a contract for a further two seasons. But Mortimore wants to return for personal reasons. Apparently, his daughter needs medical treatment best administered here and, as he admits he's also a little homesick.

Mortimore was a centre-half with Chelsea and spent ten years at Stamford Bridge, the last of them as player-coach. He then moved on to coach Sunderland before becoming assistant to Ted Bates at Southampton.

Next stop was Greece and after two years there, he returned to manage Portsmouth. A few months later came the call from Benfica.

"The experience I'd gained in England helped me a lot," he says. "I had no fears about taking the job."

"I've won two Cups and the Championship (Benfica are also poised to win this year's title) and I've really enjoyed myself. Now, however, I want to try my luck in England again."

"Three years with Benfica has given me a passport for Europe and perhaps the world. I feel my career has progressed and I'm looking forward to working in the Football League."

DOUBLE MISSION

WALSALL'S £7,500 striker Jimmy Williams has an extra special reason for wanting to do well at Fellows Park. As a schoolboy Williams was a member of Walsall's youth side but he left the club disappointed and disillusioned without ever making the first team.

However, his goalscoring exploits in Southern League Worcester City's great F.A. Cup run this season brought offers from Reading and Walsall.

Now, at 25, Wolverhampton-born Williams has a double mission as he aims to prove Walsall were wrong to let him go, but right to buy him back!

England On Top

ENGLAND are the top British Championship nation of the 1970's.

England (below, light shirts v. Northern Ireland in May) won the title outright five times during this ten-term spell, in 1971, 1973, 1975, 1978 and 1979, and shared it on three occasions. Scotland clinched the Home crown in successive campaigns, 1976 and '77, and also had three shares, with England and Wales, in 1970, and with England, in '72 and '74.

Scotland ace Kenny Dalglish's eight Championship goals made him leading

Championship scorer this decade, Mike Channon led the way for England with six, John Toshack's five came top for Wales, while Bryan Hamilton and Martin O'Neill shared Ireland's maximum, with two apiece. Incidentally, John Toshack's hat-trick in Wales' 3-0 conquest of the Scots, on May 19, was the sole "treble" by a British Championship striker in the '70s.

The complete British Championship table of the '70s reads:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	30	19	6	5	47	18	44
Scotland	30	13	7	10	35	28	33
Wales	30	6	12	12	18	31	24
N. Ireland	30	7	5	18	14	37	19



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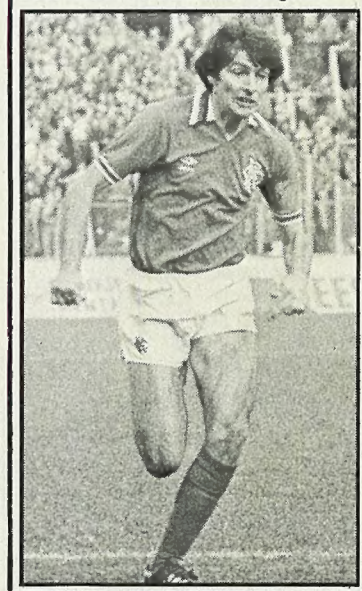


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DARLINGTON parted company with manager Peter Madden in October after a shock defeat at bottom-club Rochdale. So it was ironic that Madden should join Rochdale as assistant-manager and help to pull them out of the re-election zone, while The Quakers had to apply to the League.

Darlington's final hope of avoiding the re-election application disappeared when Crewe lost their last match — to Rochdale!

RANGERS star Gordon Smith (below) equalled his grandfather's record when he won a second Scottish Cup winner's medal after the Light Blues had beaten Hibs 3-2 in a second replay. His grandfather Mattha Smith had won his medals in 1920 and 1929 while with Kilmarnock when they beat Albion Rovers and Rangers.



FRANK Stapleton's scoring luck ran out when Arsenal crashed 5-1 at Aston Villa on April 25th.

It was the first time since the beginning of last season that his side had lost a First Division game in which the Republic of Ireland striker was a scorer.

The sequence spanned 21 games, worth 41 points, the point being dropped in the 1-1 away draw with Coventry City at Highfield Road on November 25th last year.

Own goal debut

COLIN GIBSON will never forget his Football League debut for Aston Villa because he scored an own-goal.

He said: "A corner came across and instead of pushing the ball clear I took a swing and it glanced off my boot and into the net."

Incidentally, Colin is no relation to his namesake who played for Villa in the 1950's.

Colin Gibson senior, who also had spells with Cardiff City and Newcastle, is still living in the West Midlands in Stourbridge.

Ireland's Manager of the Year

PORTADOWN'S manager Bertie Neill has been voted Manager of the Year by the Northern Ireland Football Coaches Association.

For Bertie this is the culmination of a highly successful season, in which his team finished runners-up in the Irish Cup Final, won the Gold Cup, and qualified for the Tylers All Ireland Cup next season.

A former Glentoran player, Bertie coached at both Stoke City and Oldham Athletic before returning to Northern Ireland.

BARRY Tyerman, promising 18-year-old Leeds United sweeper, is still a great Sunderland fan.

Barry, born in Jarrow, Tyne-and-Wear, says: "Even now I still keep well in touch with the progress made by Sunderland."

PUBLIC WIN SCHOOLS CUP

A CROWD of over 2,000 watched the Final of the English Under-16's Cup on Scunthorpe's Old Show Ground last month.

Public Secondary of Plymouth — Trevor Francis' old school — beat Riddings Comprehensive (Scunthorpe) 1-0, thanks to a goal by Steve Spear in the 56th minute.

It's interesting to note that Public have lost only one competitive game in the last FIVE YEARS. Their captain and centre-half Alan Nicholls has been signed by Bristol City. Nottingham Forest and Everton were also chasing him.

And two or three of the Riddings lads look like joining Scunthorpe United when they leave school.

WORTH HIS WAIT...



ALF Wood (second right) spent almost 20 years in League football with Shrewsbury Town, Millwall and Hull City but during all that time he never played at Wembley.

On May 19th all that changed when Alf, now playing for Northern Premier side Stafford Rangers, trod the hallowed turf in the F.A. Trophy Final against Kettering.

Alf wasted no time in writing his name in the record books by scoring both Stafford goals in their 2-0 triumph.

ROVERS PROMISE

ALBION Rovers have put an end to Scotland's Second Division clubs being regarded as the "bargain basement" by clubs both North and South of the border.

This warning was given when Motherwell had to pay £40,000 for striker Bruce Clelland who was top scorer in the Second Division last season.

Motherwell manager Ally MacLeod who is determined to see his team back in the Premier Division in one season just pipped West Bromwich for the player.

When the English club came on the scene, Rovers chairman Tom Fagan explained that he'd promised Clelland to Motherwell, a promise which is thought to have cost the Cliftonhill boss at least £10,000.

Nothing to celebrate for Halifax

NICE gesture by Reading who celebrated with champagne after clinching the Fourth Division title with a 1-0 win against Halifax Town.

They sent a couple of bottles into the visitor's dressing-room at Elm Park.

It was only slight consolation for Halifax — defeat meant they had to apply for re-election to the Football League for the second time in three seasons and the third since the Fourth Division was formed in 1958.

CLAPTON ALBION!

ELTON John's long-standing love affair with his hometown club, Watford, is publicised almost daily but few people are aware of the devotion rock superstar Eric Clapton feels towards West Bromwich Albion.

Eric regularly makes the 250 miles round trip from his Surrey home to pay homage to his Hawthorns heroes and a recent L.P. album cover featured Clapton and his backing group wearing Albion shirts.

Eric went a step further recently when he insisted that his whistle-stop tour of the country should include a West Bromwich venue. Unbeknown to him, several Albion players went along to watch the man hailed as the world's greatest guitarist in action.

At half-time, Albion skipper John Wile made a surprise appearance from the audience to provide Eric with a change of guitar and liquid refreshment.



BERWICK Rangers, the only English club who play in the Scottish Football League, were given a civic reception by the local mayor and council for winning the Scottish Second Division Championship and promotion.

It was the first time in their history that Berwick had won promotion.

THE versatility of Clive Whitehead has certainly stood Bristol City in good stead.

A recognised winger, the Birmingham-born player appeared in both full-back positions last season. "I knew he could play at left-back, but he also did a good job on the other flank, too," says manager Alan Dicks.

"He could well finish up as a full-back with us."

Whitehead, who gained Birmingham and Warwickshire schoolboy honours, made the England Youth side at amateur and professional level.

He completes six years as a pro at Ashton Gate in August. He will be 24 next November and now looks set for a very long stay at Bristol City — whatever the position.

RTE, the national broadcasting company in Eire, are making a documentary on Liam Brady, to be broadcast in the Autumn. Everyone closely connected with the Arsenal and Eire star will be interviewed.

FACTastic

SINCE Sheffield United and their neighbours Wednesday were elected to the Football League in 1892, they have met many times in the First and Second Divisions but never in the Third. All that has now changed. Next season United will join Wednesday in Division Three after the Bramall Laners' sad relegation following on Wednesday's drop into the Third in 1975. How are the mighty fallen!

NOBBY

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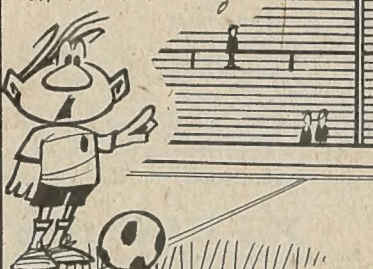
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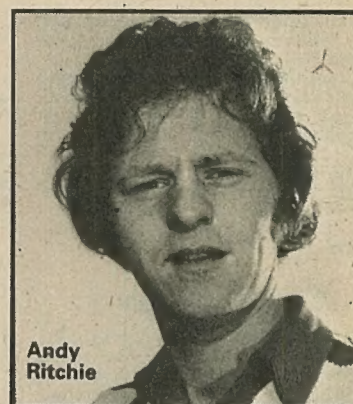
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Kenny Dalglish

KENNY & ANDY



Andy Ritchie

SHOOT'S MOST EXCITING PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

THERE was a massive response to our recent poll to find the most exciting players in the English and Scottish Leagues. In the English poll, Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish was a hands down winner — having scored 46 per cent of the votes. Liam Brady was next and close behind came Tony Currie, Garry Birtles and Osvaldo Ardiles.

In the Scottish section, there was greater diversity, and Morton's Andy Ritchie took the honours with 38 per cent of the vote. Scotland's new cap Paul Hegarty of Dundee United was second then

there were a great many players polling roughly the same number of votes.

Special presentations will be made to the two Scots and we'll be publishing full colour photographs as soon as possible.

In the accompanying competition, answers to our quiz were: 1. Ipswich; 2. Barnsley; 3. No. All correct entries were then judged on neatness, with age considered, and the winners of our ten Smiths stopwatches, designed and approved in conjunction with the Referees' Association, are:

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Think of the new breed of manager and it's a fair bet you will come up with Terry Venables, Alan Mullery, Alan Durban and Graham Taylor.

That's understandable — because all have made a tremendous impression in their short time as managers.

Venables has taken Crystal Palace from Third Division to First in three years. Mullery has done the same at Brighton.

Durban took Stoke into the First Division after only one year in charge. Before that he was boss at Shrewsbury — and left behind the nucleus of the side who have just clinched the Third Division Championship.

Taylor took Lincoln to the Fourth Division title, with a record number of points, four years ago. He quit to join Watford — and has steered them from the Fourth to the Second Division in successive seasons.

All these have notched up suc-

Fulham's Bobby Campbell (bottom left). John Toshack, boss at Swansea (below). Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables (right). Wimbledon's Dario Gradi (far right).



after ending a glittering playing career with Leeds. Gates soared as he led them into a challenging position and an astonishing 21,000 watched their last home game of the season.

Gradi — who left Derby with Colin Murphy when Tommy Docherty moved in — climaxed his first full season in charge of Wimbledon by taking them up after only two years in the League.

Another one to keep an eye on in the Fourth Division next season is Frank Burrows, of Portsmouth. He was appointed manager when ill-health forced Jimmy Dickinson to retire and has what it takes to make a success of it.

Greenwood has publicly praised the way the bright young mana-



gers are leading Third and Fourth Division clubs out of the wilderness and the way they have worked to improve standards down there.

Although Bob Paisley and Brian Clough tend to dominate things higher up the ladder there are some outstanding young bosses to be found there.

Ron Atkinson, of West Bromwich Albion, is one. He went there 18 months ago — and has piloted The Hawthorns outfit to their best season for 50 years.

And in the Second Division Fulham's Bobby Campbell has made a big impression.

Fulham, ripped apart by internal upheaval and being pressed for repayment of a £274,000 debt, seemed everyone's favourites to go down when last season got under way.

But Campbell confounded the critics by assembling a young side that was, in fact, challenging for promotion for most of the season.

These, then, are the men who are leading our clubs into what promises to be a rich future.

All have one thing in common — they care passionately about the game. They want to see it played the right way.

They are leading by example — and all who have the well-being of our football at heart should thank them for it.



cesses to be proud of. The way they are doing things is good for the game and they are probably the best of the bunch.

But they are by no means the only ones. There are others doing their stuff up and down the country — and doing it so well the game here is now healthier than it has been for a long time.

What about John Toshack, who finished an illustrious career at Liverpool to take over Swansea, and has steered them into the Second Division?

And Graham Turner? He took over as player-manager at Shrewsbury when Durban resigned and

then Richie Barker moved on to Wolves. As well as guiding them to promotion he also took them to the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup.

There they were knocked out by a Wolves side who staged a dramatic recovery when new boss John Barnwell moved in last November.

Gerry Summers, a man praised by England boss Ron Greenwood, has done a remarkable job at Gillingham. They have been pressing strongly for promotion from the Third Division for the past two years — and missed out both times.

Perhaps it will be a case of third time lucky. If so it will be no more

than Summers deserves.

Swindon, too, just missed out on a Third Division promotion spot. Now, rejuvenated by Bobby Smith, they seem certain to be among the front runners next time round.

So do Carlisle, who also enjoyed a fine run under the guidance of former Newcastle and Sunderland defender Bob Moncur.

Grimsby's promotion from the Fourth Division was a personal triumph for their boss, John Newman.

He has worked in the lower Divisions for years — always on a shoe-string budget, but always sticking to the principles he believed in.

Maurice Evans, once sacked by Shrewsbury, proved his ability by taking Reading to the Fourth Division title. And the other two places were filled by "new boys" Allan Clarke and Dario Gradi.

Clarke took charge at Barnsley

'LIVERPOOL CAN GET



Joy for Arsenal — despair for Liverpool as The Gunners' David Price (number 4) is congratulated after scoring the only goal of the game.

RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer

the best team in England.

It's the fourth title side I've played in for Liverpool, and inevitably people have been asking me to compare it with the others. All I will say is that it played a higher standard of football more consistently, but as I have already stressed, there is still room for improvement.

It's interesting for me — and for you, too, I hope — to run through our passage to that record title win.

For once, we got off to a marvellous start, winning 2-1 at home to QPR and then notching up two great away wins — the first against Ipswich Town and the next against Manchester City, then rated amongst the clubs most likely to challenge for the Championship.

Often we've found goals hard to come by, but at Portman Road and Maine Road we really excelled ourselves, beating Ipswich 3-0 and City by 4-1.

Arnold Muhren, the Dutch ace, bought from Twente Enschede for a giveaway £150,000, had a nightmare baptism with Ipswich, hardly getting a kick of the ball.

Afterwards he paid us a great compliment: "The game here is so much quicker than in Holland. And having now played against Liverpool, I have learned at first-hand what a great side they are!"

We expected a hard game against

'My mistake resulted in Arsenal's winning goal'

City. We scored first, they equalised, then we scored three more to win comfortably. An encouraging feature of our play was that our midfield men were going forward and scoring. Graeme Souness scored twice and Ray Kennedy got one with Kenny Dalglish netting the fourth.

Then we received a harsh reminder of how unpredictable football can be. On the Monday evening we played Second Division Sheffield United — later to be relegated — in the Second Round of the League Cup, and although we had most of the play, lost one-nil.

That shaker forced us back onto our stride, and in our next game, against Spurs at home in the League, we turned on full power and made it black day for the London club.

Not even our most fervent supporter would have backed us to win 7-0, an almost-unbelievable result!

At the end of the game, one of their Argentinians, Osvaldo Ardiles, showed his sportsmanship by actually applauding us off the pitch.

In our first 11 games we dropped only one point — in a 1-1 draw at West Bromwich — and conceded only four goals, one at Anfield in the first game of the season, scored by Rangers' Paul McGee. We'd also scored 35 goals.

If we'd kept going at that rate, our record-breaking would have been truly fantastic!

Then came derby day — no, not the highspot of the horse racing calendar — but the meeting between us and our Merseyside rivals, Everton, at Goodison Park. Both of us were undefeated, which put even more pressure on the teams.

It's history now that the Blues recorded their first victory over us in seven years with the only goal of the game, scored by Andy King, midway through the second-half.

For the rest of the season I was cruelly reminded of that goal when BBC Match of the Day included it in their introduction to the programme.

No one will ever convince me that Andy intended to score the way he did. He shaped up to hit the ball straight, but somehow unintentionally sliced his shot and sent the ball looping over my head.

Not only had we lost, and to our dreaded "neighbours", but for the first time in a League match had failed to score.

We remedied that in the following game, against Leeds United at Anfield, managing to peg back a John Hawley goal through a late Terry McDermott penalty, after a tremendous battle, to salvage a point.

WHAT a season it was for Liverpool — records busted right, left and centre. Our 11th Championship, won with a first-time 68 points; only four goals conceded in the League at Anfield; and I clock up more than 300 clean sheets!

Yet we all believe we can do better next season. We refuse to rest on our laurels.

You're on your way down in life when you convince yourself you've reached a pinnacle that cannot be exceeded. It's important to strive for improvement. So many analogies can be drawn with other sports. For instance, in athletics once the four-minute mile had been attained, many people felt that the ultimate had been achieved. Yet runners refused to accept it, and continued to push themselves until breaking the four-minute barrier

has almost become commonplace.

But 1978/79 was a truly memorable season for us at Anfield, with so many highlights, that it's going to be difficult to improve on it next time round.

Of course, we had our setbacks, such as going out to Nottingham Forest in the First Round of the European Cup and missing the chance to hold the coveted trophy for the third successive season, and so emulate the likes of Real Madrid, Ajax and Bayern Munich.

And it was bitterly disappointing to lose to Manchester United in the Semi-Final replay of the F.A. Cup.

However, winning the Championship, which meant slogging through 42 demanding League games, and breaking records in the process, more than compensated for our disappointments. It unquestionably proclaimed Liverpool as

BETTER...!



Alan Hansen leaps to head clear from Forest's Steve Elliott (now with Preston) during Liverpool's 2-0 win at Anfield.

However, we got back on the winning trail with a 3-1 win away at QPR, the first of several League "doubles".

Then, in the next three games, although we accumulated five points, we scored only three goals.

On our next visit to London, we suffered our second away defeat, losing by the only goal scored to Arsenal. The goal was my mistake. I failed to hold a shot, and Ray Kennedy attempted to kick clear, only for the ball to strike the incoming David Price and rebound into the net!

In our next home game we somewhat atoned for being knocked out of European competition by Forest when we beat them 2-0 at Anfield and ended their record run of 42 League games without defeat. Both goals were scored by Terry McDermott, one from a penalty.

On December 16th, we lost one-nil away to Bristol City, their goal a "mis-hit" from Joe Royle.

Due to the terrible winter weather, January was a write-off as far as League games were concerned. However, in February, we demoralised our challengers with four successive League wins, scoring 11 goals and conceding only one.

After two goal-less League draws away at Chelsea and Coventry, we took on Everton at Anfield, aiming to make amends for our previous defeat at Goodison.

We went into a one-goal lead and seemed to be well on top, but a combination of slack finishing and brilliant goalkeeping by George Wood, partly motivated by the fact Scotland manager Jock Stein was there to watch him, prevented us from increasing our lead.

Then up popped that man King

'We ended Forest's record League run'

again — they should call him "Handy Andy" — to snatch an equaliser that had no hint of the mis-hit about it!

From then on we strode remorselessly towards the title, only stumbling on one occasion, at an "unfavourite" ground, Villa Park, when Villa thumped us 3-1.

With six games to go we had pointed out to us the secondary targets we could hit — such as beating 67 points, a record set by Leeds; the lowest number of goals conceded in a 42-game season; and scoring 84 goals to win the £50,000 prize jointly offered by Corals and The Sun newspaper.

Also mentioned was the sobering fact that both Jimmy Case and Graeme Souness had accumulated 18 points on the bookings system, and that one more booking for each of them could cost us the heart of our midfield. From then on both showed commendable restraint, controlling themselves and ensuring they kept out of trouble with referees.

It took four of those half-dozen games to clinch the Championship, including a 3-0 revenge over Aston Villa at Anfield.

The last two games were away, the first at Ayresome Park, home of Middlesbrough, the second at Elland Road, Leeds' HQ, both grounds where we'd had problems winning in the past.

We needed four points and at least three goals.

A single goal, scored by David Johnson, beat Boro and secured two points, the only blight on the game being a booking for Alan Hansen which might cause him to miss the start of next season.

And so we came to the last hurdle. Leeds, holders of the record 67 points in a Championship season, were going to be difficult to overcome.

Their biggest crowd of the season, over 40,000, were there to watch what turned out to be a real night to remember.

After 15 minutes, David Johnson put us ahead; then Graeme Souness had a goal disallowed for off-side five minutes later; then Jimmy Case got one of his extra-special goals to clock up the 84 goals needed to capture the prize money.

In the second-half David Johnson got his second to put the game well beyond Leeds' grasp.

One of the things that pleased us most was that we'd ended a glorious season in real Championship-taking style!

Ray Clemence

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This week's Star Letter comes from Colin Dixon of Felling, Gateshead, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

SCOTTISH FANS TOPS...

I was one of the few England fans at the Scotland match and I'd like to pay tribute to the Scots supporters who are, to my mind, the best in the world. The way they treated me was unbelievable.

I was offered drinks and pies from them and at the final whistle they shook me by the hand and said "well done".

All this talk about Scotsmen being bad losers is untrue and I'd like as many people in the world as possible to know this. After the game, a friend and I attended an all-night disco, which was like Wembley — crammed with Scots. We chatted about the match — well done lads and thanks a million.

Now read on...

... Or Are They?

SO Danny McGrain considers the majority of Scots who come down to London do so in a civilised way (May 26th). I went to the game and feared for my life. The streets were full of drunks — a flag in one hand and a can of beer in the other.

I saw hordes of Scots fans staggering along hurling abuse at all and sundry. I had to walk back to London as the Tube was vandalised.

McGrain suggested to a Norwich reader that he should try the Wembley atmosphere. I suggest that McGrain should, too, but not arriving at Wembley in luxury. He should try making his way from central London with his wife and kids and queue outside with all the foul-mouthed drunken louts he calls "civilised supporters".

If alcohol hadn't been invented I wonder how the Scots would turn up at Wembley.

MICHAEL MORRIS, SHARROW

There were around 400 arrests, not to mention the death of one person on the Glasgow-London train. The Scots who disgraced themselves, their team and their country were definitely in the minority, but unfortunately it's not a tiny minority. As the Star Letter proves, not every Scotland fan is a hooligan, but too many who came down were more concerned with drink than football. Sadly, I can't see any answer to the problem — the answer lies with the fans to conduct themselves in an orderly manner.

Late Entrants

IN your European Cup Final preview you stated Malmö had won the Swedish League in 1967, but

were in the 1968/69 European Cup. How come?

J KENYON, WORSLEY

We also stated that in Sweden the season is from Spring to Autumn. Consequently it finishes after the European Cup campaign is under way, so the Champions go into the following year's competition.

Celtic Tops

MUST reply to the crazy comments made in Goal-Lines by Aberdeen fan Christine Nettugh. She said Aberdeen's average crowd of 12,000 was more than Celtic or Rangers attract. That's rubbish, as Celtic's average home attendance last season was 26,500. In fact, Aberdeen's support would be lower were it not for the visits of the Big Two.

JAMES GUNN, GLASGOW

Glad to put the record straight.

Consistent Clem

AN article about Mick Mills asked if anyone could beat the Ipswich skipper's record of consistency... 29 games missed in 11 seasons.

The answer is yes! I reckon your columnist Ray Clemence is the most consistent player in England. Since becoming a regular for Liverpool in March, 1970, he has missed only four of their 391 League games, two of the 150 Cup-ties... So he's been absent just six times in 541 matches.

RON SCHOFIELD, WARRINGTON

Can anyone out-do Clem? If you know of a challenger please let me know.



Mick Mills

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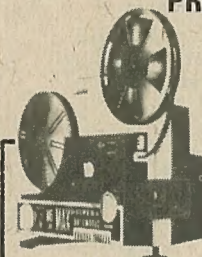
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'No training — no playing'

GEORGE BEST has been demonstrating his well-known hatred of training again at Fort Lauderdale.

So coach Ron Newman, once a player with Portsmouth, has decided to adopt a "no training — no playing" policy.

Says Newman: "If George can't make training, he doesn't deserve to start. Besides, I haven't been happy with the way he's been playing."

"He has been clogging up the middle. I want him to play wide on the wing, but he wants to be involved in the middle all the time."

★ ★ ★

SAN Jose finally broke their duck for the season with a surprise win over the Edmonton Drillers in their ninth match of the season.

But long-suffering coach Terry Fisher didn't see it — he was sacked after the first eight defeats.

SOCCER in the STATES



Supermac

TREVOR Francis could lose his tag as the most popular man in the Detroit Express side this year.

While waiting for the £1 million star to finish his European Cup commitments with Nottingham Forest, the Express snapped up Ted MacDougall (below).

He's shown his usual voracity in front of goal, scoring four and getting the same number of assists in his first four outings.

MacDougall's goal-power has helped Detroit to five wins in seven games after a shaky start to the season.

Francis, who scored 22 goals in 20 games last season, has a lot of catching up to do.



DEREK Smethurst, former Chelsea and Millwall striker, isn't short on confidence. After being transferred from San Diego to Seattle, he said: "I have a lot of years left to score goals, and I'm going to do it. I'm confident I can."

"I feel confident I can average

Why Cruyff made a comeback

BRINGING Johan Cruyff out of retirement is going to cost the Los Angeles Aztecs over £650,000 for this summer alone. The Aztecs are paying the Dutch superstar around £350,000 a season, plus a percentage of gate receipts, and have also had to shell out £300,000 to Cosmos as "compensation".

Cruyff had said that if he ever played again, it would be for the Cosmos. The New York club originally wanted a million dollars — £500,000 — to make up for losing the Dutch international.

But they cut their demands because he joined another American club. The Aztecs deny, though that the other clubs in the NASL are chipping in to help pay for the player. It's reckoned that was how the Cosmos managed to afford Pele.

Aztecs chairman Alan Rothenberg patted his wallet and said: "The money is coming from right here. We don't expect to get our money back straight away, but in the long run, we feel it's a sound investment."

Cruyff's success is crucial not just to the Aztecs — who have been getting crowds as low as 5,000 — but to soccer itself in America.

Los Angeles, with a population of over eight million, is considered a critical area if the sport is going to take off as everyone is predicting.

If a player like Johan Cruyff can't get 20,000 or more of such a vast population through the turnstiles, LA may as well forget soccer and concentrate on their baseball and American football clubs.

almost a goal a game. At San Diego, I had all that ego and bitterness in my head. Now I don't. I'm slim and quick and I can go with anybody over five or six yards, and that's where most goals are scored."

Scandinavia's "Beckenbauer"

BJORN Nordqvist, skipper of Sweden's World Cup team last year, has steadied the defence of the Minnesota Kicks this season.

The Kicks are again top of the National Conference's Central Division with one of the best defensive records in the League.

Nordqvist, 34, holds a world record 115 international caps — seven more than Bobby Moore. He is often referred to as the "Beckenbauer of Scandinavia."

THE real Beckenbauer is out of the Cosmos team for at least another month after an operation on ankle ligaments. The New York side have been plagued by injuries this

It's been rumoured that lack of finances has brought Cruyff out of moth balls after a seven month "retirement". But he denies it.

Johan says: "The main reason I have come back is I felt I owed something to football. It saddened me that in a country the size of America, people hadn't heard of the greatest sport in the world. So I thought this was the place for me."

"Even after losing Pele, the Cosmos are getting crowds of 70,000. My job is to try and do that here. My work is on this coast."

"I missed football while I was away, too. And I feel I can still play well for a few more years."

"I didn't come back for money. If that was the case, I could have joined another club for a lot more money than I'm getting at the Aztecs."

INSPIRED

Cruyff showed no signs of his layoff in his debut for the Aztecs, scoring twice in the first seven minutes. Then he inspired the team to their biggest win for two years, a 5-2 victory in Atlanta. He had a hand in just one of the goals before coming off injured.

Rinus Michels, the coach who spent ten years with the Flying Dutchman at Ajax, Barcelona and with the Holland national squad, is again building a successful club out of nothing.

He says of Cruyff's contribution so far: "The biggest problem is the other players are over-awed by his presence."

"I've seen it happen before."

season but you still won't find many people to bet against them getting a third successive title.

Big Deal

CHICAGO Sting spent months persuading West German striker Karl-Heinz Granitz to sign on a permanent basis.



When an ordinary player who has to struggle for his living sees a man playing as easily as Cruyff does, he can get a complex about it.

"You have to be sharp to play with a man like Cruyff, too. You never know when he is going to give you the ball."

"Nothing surprises me about him anymore — even though he still does things with a ball that are unbelievable."

Despite Cruyff's arrival, Michels has decided that Bobby Sibbald, former Leeds, Southampton and York defender, will stay as his captain. Says Michels: "He has done a good job for me."

Granitz came over last summer from Hertha Berlin to score 19 goals and nine assists in 22 games to take the Sting to the playoffs after they'd lost their first ten games.

Now he's signed a three year contract which forms the most expensive deal in Chicago's history.

NASL standings

National Conference								American Conference							
Eastern Division								Eastern Division							
	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts		GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
New York	12	10	2	30	18	29	89	Tampa Bay	12	9	3	25	14	21	75
Washington	12	9	3	32	16	27	81	Ft. Lauderdale	10	5	5	20	16	18	48
Toronto	13	5	8	17	27	17	47	Philadelphia	13	4	9	22	25	22	46
Rochester	12	4	8	14	25	14	38	New England	14	4	10	13	28	13	37
Central Division								Central Division							
Minnesota	12	9	3	26	17	25	79	Houston	11	9	2	23	15	20	74
Tulsa	12	7	5	28	22	24	66	Chicago	11	7	4	24	18	22	64
Dallas	11	6	5	17	15	17	53	Detroit	13	6	7	22	18	18	54
Atlanta	11	2	9	17	31	16	28	Memphis	13	3	10	12	25	12	30
Western Division								Western Division							
Vancouver	11	8	3	19	10	19	67	San Diego	13	5	8	18	25	17	47
Los Angeles	11	8	3	21	13	17	65	Edmonton	12	5	7	16	22	16	46
Seattle	11	6	5	20	15	18	54	California	13	5	8	13	18	13	43
Portland	11	4	7	19	26	17	41	San Jose	10	2	8	13	21	13	25

NOTE — Six points awarded for a victory and one bonus point per goal with a maximum of three per game.

FAREWELL TO THE CAT



PETER Bonetti, who made his Chelsea debut before many of you were born, made his 600th and final League appearance for his only club in the last home game of the season before retiring. It was against F.A. Cup winners Arsenal and a good crowd turned up to say goodbye to the man nicknamed The Cat because of his elastic reflexes. Peter, 37, has been with Chelsea through good and bad times, but has never been anything less than a dedicated, loyal professional. He is taking over a hotel on the Isle of Mull, Scotland . . . leaving Blues fans with many happy memories.



ARGENTINA—AGAIN!

ARGENTINA and Holland, 1978 World Cup Finalists, met again in Berne as part of FIFA's 75th anniversary. And again Argentina pipped Holland, but this time they needed penalties to clinch the special trophy. The score was 0-0 after 90 minutes, but the World Champions sneaked home 8-7 on penalties. It was a superb game, with Argentina showing all the attacking skills we saw a year ago. Our man at the match reckons Argentina still have a lot to offer, while we may have seen the best of Holland. Argentina manager César Luis Menotti introduced his new star, 18-year-old midfield player Diego Maradona, who had European critics searching for superlatives. Republic of Ireland and Scotland fans were soon to find out that the youngster is, indeed, rather special.



ABOVE... Argentina striker Leopoldo Luque evades a Dutch tackle.
LEFT... Spurs' ace Osvaldo Ardiles has a breather before the penalties. Ossie missed his spot-kick, by the way.



Américo Gallego tackles Holland's Johnny Rep.



Diego Maradona takes on Holland's captain Ruud Krol.



Daniel Bortoni (wearing track suit) and "Pato" Filol with the FIFA trophy.

Biggest-ever payouts for players...

A HOST of Football League clubs paid record sums to secure new players in Britain's rapidly escalating transfer market last season.

Thirty clubs wrote the largest cheques in their histories for players.

Three clubs, Cardiff City, Watford and Walsall, dipped into the coffers to break their club records twice.

Individual club records in this field clearly don't last long nowadays and it seems almost unbelievable, in this age of fantastic fees, that the record of one club has now endured for close upon a quarter-century!

Reference is to Lincoln City, whose biggest-ever signing was one in which they paid Leicester City £29,500 for centre-forward Andy Graver back in December, 1954.

Here are last season's deals which cost the signing clubs more cash than they had ever paid before for a player.

Player	From	To	Fee £
Trevor Francis	B'ham C	Nottm. F.	1,150,000
Phil Parkes	Q.P.R.	West Ham	565,000
Brian Talbot	Ipswich	Arsenal	450,000
Charlie George	Derby	Southampton	400,000
Neil McNab	Spurs	Bolton	250,000
David Jones	Everton	Coventry	250,000
Alberto Tarantini	Free agent	B'ham C	250,000
Glenn Roeder	Orient	Q.P.R.	250,000
Terry Cochran	Burnley	Middlesbrough	210,000
Joey Jones	Liverpool	Wrexham	210,000
Steve Sims	Leicester	Watford	200,000
Leighton James	Q.P.R.	Burnley	165,000
Peter Kitchen	Orient	Fulham	150,000
Ronnie Moore	Tranmere R.	Cardiff C.	150,000
Tony Kellow	Exeter	Blackpool	125,000
Duncan McKenzie	Chelsea	Blackburn	120,000
Steve Elliott	Nottm F.	Preston	112,000
Nick Chatterton	C. Palace	Millwall	100,000
Mickey Burns	Newcastle	Cardiff	75,000
Derek Christie	North'ton	Cambridge U.	50,000
Gary Emmanuel	B'ham C.	Bristol R.	50,000
Ray Train	Bolton	Watford	50,000
Trevor Birch	Liverpool	Shrewsbury	40,000
Steve Waddington	Stoke	Walsall	40,000
Ken Todd	Wolves	Port Vale	37,000
David Gregory	Stoke C.	Bury	35,000
Geoff Salmons	Leicester	Chesterfield	35,000
Jimmy Kelly	Wolves	Walsall	30,000
Ian Pearson	Millwall	Exeter	25,000
Kevin Johnson	H'field	Halifax T.	25,000
Dave Tomlin	Torquay	Aldershot	20,000
Hugh McAuley	Charlton	Tranmere	15,000
Keith Oakes	P'boro	Newport	15,000

Arsenal's
Brian
Talbot



FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"No — she didn't turn me down — just said she would marry me the day this load of fairies win the F.A. Cup"

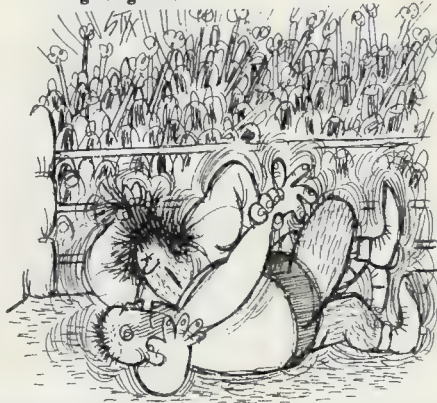


"Here's the plan for this afternoon, skipper — memorise it — then eat it"



"Pssst!"

"I don't go to football anymore — all those rough hooligans — I can't run the risk of getting hurt"



"Old accident prone is at it again, boss — when we moved up to make room for you — he was sitting on the end of the bench"



This week West Ham 'keeper PHIL PARKES and three-year-old son Scott select the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

LOCK CLAIMS WEST HAM LACKED DISCIPLINE

THREE seasons ago Kevin Lock sat on the substitute's bench for England, his club and international future apparently secure. Yet, less than two years later, Lock was told by West Ham he was not wanted — and his international prospects had collapsed.

Lock was one of the country's finest prospects when he signed apprentice forms for West Ham in 1969. Two years later, he made his first team debut against Arsenal. He progressed rapidly, winning England Youth and Under-23 caps.

Then it all turned sour when West Ham put him on the transfer list a year ago.

"My form had not been too good for a couple of seasons," admitted Lock. "I couldn't command a first team place and playing in the reserves every week was demoralising. It seemed that a move would be best for me in the long run. I was, of course, prepared to go anywhere, but didn't want to move out of London so when Fulham offered £45,000 and West Ham accepted, I was highly delighted. It was, though, a sad moment when I left Upton Park.

"They were the club that taught me football. Ron Greenwood and John Lyall are great coaches, they know the game inside out and it was a wrench to say goodbye.

"However, Fulham have proved



that they are ambitious and want to get to the top. They have continued to buy players despite their financial difficulties and getting players like John Beck, Chris Guthrie, Peter Marinello, Peter Kitchen and myself proves that they are a go-ahead club."

Lock says the difference between

West Ham and Fulham is discipline.

"At West Ham, discipline was lax," he says. "I'm sure that had an effect on the way the team played. But at Fulham, it is much tighter. For instance, we have to wear a collar and tie on match days. At West Ham, we could turn up in jeans.

"The attitude to training is also different. At Upton Park, I was rarely told off, it was free and easy. But on my first day at Craven Cottage, I got a right rollocking, they were on my back straightaway. It was a shock but good for me."

"There is not much difference between the two in terms of playing styles, both like to attack.

"Fulham do get accused of playing five men at the back," says Lock, "but it's a bit unfair. We have a back-four, who like to go forward, so we often switch the midfield positions during a game, adapting to our opponents pattern of play.

"For example, when we played Manchester United in the Cup last season, Bobby Campbell watched them and noticed they only played two men up front. So we played three at the back, Tony Gale, Richard Money and myself, with the full-backs pushing forward into midfield. Ray Evans got to the by-line as often as possible. Yet, we were accused of packing our defence, a daft suggestion."

Lock is convinced a change of clubs has made him a better player.

"Bobby Campbell soon realised I lacked determination and worked hard to make me more competitive.

"This determination is also reflected in the team's performance, it's a fundamental aspect to our game. At West Ham, although we practised the basic skills and had a good grounding in the technicalities of the game, that was where it ended. Fulham place more emphasis on determination and a full commitment for 90 minutes on match day. The will to win is drummed into us at Fulham."

On his own future he sees it tied up with the success of Fulham, as he says: "There is no reason at all why we shouldn't do very well next season. We were up with the leaders of our Division for a while last season, but I don't think we were ready at that stage to be promoted. The club bought players throughout the season, and it takes time for them to settle into the team. Next season it will be different, we have had time to get the right blend of youth and experience, and could well be in line for promotion this time next year. Obviously I think about getting noticed again for the England side, all players have that dream. If Fulham go places next season, then anything could happen, because international managers always watch the successful clubs."

IAN Gillard's ten years of loyal service to Q.P.R. was rewarded by a turnout of only 3,500 fans for his benefit match against Spurs. Gillard was grateful to those who supported his benefit, but angry at the club and the testimonial system in general.

"Diabolical, an utter waste of time," he snaps. "I was allowed a choice of clubs to play and thought that Tottenham were a well supported club that would guarantee a reasonable gate. I wasn't expecting great crowds of people, maybe around 6,000 to 8,000. Spurs did me proud, turning up with a full side and I can't thank them enough.

"But the fans stayed away. This meant that I collected about £500 for ten years loyal and dedicated service. That works out at around £50 a year — great, isn't it? What people don't realise is that out of the gate money I have to pay all the expenses, tickets, programmes, floodlights, police etc. I felt that in the circumstances the club would have done something for me but they didn't. It just shows that loyalty is a one sided arrangement as far as some people are concerned.

"The testimonial system is all wrong. You get just one chance and anything can happen to spoil the occasion. The whole thing should be scrapped. No player should have to rely on this present antiquated system.

"A far better idea would be that when a player signs for his club at 18, the club put aside a set amount each week for his testimonial. An endowment that matures in ten years."

Gillard began his footballing career at 16 when he signed

GILLARD SLAMS STAY-AWAY FANS

schoolboy forms for Rangers' North London rivals, Tottenham. That was when the legendary Bill Nicholson was in charge. As he says: "It was a great club to be with, even as a schoolboy. Jimmy Greaves was there and the coaching under Terry Medwin was really good. Unfortunately, I didn't measure up to the standards set by Bill Nicholson and they let me go.

"I was disappointed because I had set my heart on playing professional football. But then I was lucky enough to get signed on apprentice forms by Rangers. At Spurs, I had been an inside-left, ending up as a winger. But I had not been at Rangers long before Bill Dodgin, who was the coach at the time, suggested I had a game at left-back. I was a bit surprised but gave it a try for it was something different, a challenge. Since then, it's been my regular position."

Ian thinks that Rangers' problems, which led to their relegation to the Second Division began two years ago. "Few people remember that we have had several changes of managers, coaches and players," says Ian. "Due to the changes in managers we lost experienced players, who either didn't fit into the new scheme of things or were thought to be, rightly or wrongly, over the hill. Also the team never had the chance to settle to one

manager's approach before there was a change. Therefore it has been extremely difficult to achieve the right blend of players and style on which to base our survival in the First Division.

"Last season was a hard one, once we found ourselves in the relegation zone. We fought hard to get results. Where other sides in a similar position fell as flat as pan-



cakes, we kept going. In fact, our last 15 games were nearly all against the top sides, and we were unlucky not to get a result in many of our vital games.

"The other reason for our relegation was the decision to sell Phil Parkes to West Ham. Phil is a great 'keeper, and he gave us confidence having him behind us. When he went it took the heart out of the side. I know that if Phil had stayed we wouldn't have gone down.

"I feel it's time for changes at Rangers. It's the only way to get back into the First Division. It's possible that some of our senior players may get offers and leave the club, this could be a good thing, as it will give the youngsters a chance.

"The Second Division is a hard Division. I know, I've played in it. I've tried to tell people here that it will be touch and go to get back to the First Division in one season."

Gillard believes the arrival of Tommy Docherty as the new boss at Loftus Road, will be good for Rangers. Gillard says: "He is a hard man but I'm convinced he will do the club a lot of good. He knows what he wants and knows his own mind. But he is the sort of man you can talk to. I, like most of the other players, had a chat with him soon after his arrival and things seem to be OK.

"He has given several players the chance to go, but to be fair, they were already on their way before he took over. I have a lot of respect for him as a manager but maybe that's not surprising. Although he was only in charge at Q.P.R. for 28 days in his first spell as boss, he gave me my League debut — against Nottingham Forest."

AFTER two hectic summers I decided to take a month's complete break from football this close-season.

Before our F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal I promised my wife Yvonne I wouldn't go near Old Trafford, put on a track suit, or do any exercises for at least four weeks.

Usually I keep in trim with general muscle-stretching exercises and cross country runs.

Fortunately, I'm not a big-eater so I don't have to watch my diet whether I'm training or not. In fact I always report back for pre-season torture having lost weight.

This summer I'm not going to do anything particularly energetic. Maybe the occasional game of golf or tennis.

I was invited to take part in this year's BBC/TV Superstars competition, along with my United team-

mate Joe Jordan and Welsh Rugby Union star J. P. R. Williams but had to decline because it clashed with my holiday departure date.

The all-sports competition was being recorded at Grangemouth, near Edinburgh, on June 9th and 10th, the day I had arranged to fly out with Yvonne to the Seychelles.

Gordon Hill competed in last year's Superstars and came second to the boxer Dave "Boy" Green.

I enjoyed watching the events on TV and really fancied taking part. If I'd known about the invitation earlier I may well have postponed my holiday for a few days.

No time for holidays the last two summers. Last year, of course, I was with the Scotland squad on World Cup duty in Argentina.

As you know I didn't play because of an injury which required extensive treatment when I arrived home.

Most of my time last summer was spent travelling from my house in Leeds to Old Trafford for long sessions with United physiotherapist Laurie Brown.

The year before I was also in South America, for Scotland's pre-World Cup tour of Brazil, Argentina and Chile.

Injury again prevented me getting into action and enjoying a nice close-season break when I got back to Leeds.

Thank goodness I'm free of any knocks this year and can relax as planned.

As you read this column I'll be on a beach with Yvonne in the Seychelles. I needed the rest after a hectic few weeks leading up to our departure date.

Directly after playing for Scotland against England at Wembley I returned home to Lymm in Che-

shire and spent a couple of days . . . in bed.

I was due to report to Scotland's headquarters at Troon to prepare for our match against Argentina at Hampden on Saturday, June 2nd, and that vital European Championship clash in Norway, but I was taken ill shortly after leaving Wembley.

Somehow I picked up a flu-like virus which laid me out. Manager Jock Stein ordered me to stay away until I'd recovered for fear of spreading the infection to the rest of the squad.

Fortunately, I was able to go to Hampden to see Argentina beat Scotland 3-1.

The World Champions were tremendous. The gulf between them and us was, well to be honest, frightening. But more about the match next time.

'Enjoying my first summer break for two years'

I didn't go back to Cheshire after the game, but stayed with Yvonne at my parent's home in Kilburnie, Ayrshire.

Apart from catching up with all the latest gossip from Mum and Dad, I had the opportunity of seeing relatives and old mates from way back.

I had to report to Troon on Tuesday, June 5th, to fly out with Scotland for our European Championship tie in Oslo on June 7th.

Norway is a fabulous country, so are the people. I've played there several times and always look forward to my visits.

While I was in Oslo, I looked up my old friend Tore Furelsd, a reporter on a newspaper in the city.

Directly after the game which

Don Masson scores from the penalty-spot against Argentina during Scotland's summer tour of 1977.



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**GORDON
McQUEEN**

ALL THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE GOALSCORERS FOR 1978/9

ONE of Scotland's most prolific goalscorers, Joe Harper of Aberdeen, once again finished top marksman in the Premier Division with 31 goals. Miller equalled that total for Clydebank and the pair had the honour of topping the goal-charts in Scotland. Here is a complete list of goalscorers North of the border for last season.

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN				
League	L	Cup	Scot. Cup	TOTAL
Harper	18	10	3	31
Archibald	13	3	4	20
Sullivan	5	3	—	8
Scanlon	2	2	2	6
Strachan	5	—	—	5
Davidson	2	1	1	4
McMaster	3	—	1	4
Jarvie	4	—	—	4
McGhee	4	—	—	4
Kennedy	—	3	—	3
Fleming	1	1	—	2
McLelland	—	1	—	1
Miller	—	—	1	1
Cooper	1	—	—	1
Roughvie	1	—	—	1
McLeish	1	—	—	1

Joe Harper was once again Aberdeen's top scorer. His highest tally in one game was four against Hamilton in the Third Round second-leg of the League Cup on October 11th, two of the goals coming from the penalty-spot. Harper also notched a hat-trick against Morton on August 19.

CELTIC			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
McAdam	7	6	13
Lynch	7	3	10
McCluskey	5	—	5
Conn	6	1	7
Doyle	2	3	5
Aitken	5	1	6
Provan	4	1	5
Glavin	3	2	5
Lennox	4	—	4
Conroy	4	1	5
Burns	3	—	3
MacLeod	3	—	3
MacDonald	2	1	3
Davidson	2	—	2
Edvaldsson	1	1	2
McGrain	2	—	2

1 own goal in League (Jackson of Rangers). 1 own goal in Scottish Cup (McDowell of Berwick). Premier Division Champions, Celtic didn't have an outstanding goalscorer. Captain Andy Lynch had a great season with his penalty-kicks, scoring nine times from the spot.

MORTON			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Ritchie	22	3	25
Thomson	11	2	13
Russell	5	2	7
Scott	3	3	6
McNeil	4	1	5
Anderson	1	1	2
Tolmie	3	—	3
Hutchinson	1	—	1
Rooney	1	—	1
Orr	—	1	1

One own goal in League (Stark of Dundee Utd.). Andy Ritchie, Scotland's Player of the Year, must take most of the credit for keeping Morton in the Premier Division. Only just pipped by Harper for the Premier top scorer's title, Ritchie has a remarkably consistent record. Only twice did he net more than one goal in a game — and both times he notched a hat-trick — against Dundee Utd. in the League on Nov. 11th and against St. Johnstone in the Scottish Cup on Feb. 26th. Ritchie scored nine times from the penalty spot.

MOTHERWELL			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Pettigrew	6	2	8
Clinging	5	1	6
Stevens	6	—	6
Larnach	4	—	4
Irvine	4	—	4
Marinello	1	3	4
Donnelly	2	—	2
Lindsay	1	—	1
McLaren	1	—	1
Wilson	1	—	1
Miller	1	—	1

One own goal in League (Edvaldsson of Celtic). Even former Scotland manager Ally MacLeod couldn't save Motherwell from First Division football next season. But he has already bought two new strikers in a bid for more goals — Willie Irvine, who scored 13 with Alloa before moving to Fir Park, and Billy Clelland, who hit 25 for Albion Rovers.

FIRST DIVISION

AIRDRIE			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Clarke	24	2	26
Goldthorp	15	2	17
Lapsley	6	3	9
McGuire	8	—	8
March	4	—	4
McVeigh	4	—	4
McCanna	2	1	3
Jonquin	1	1	2
Walker	1	1	2
Kirkland	1	—	1
Smith	1	—	1
McCormack	1	—	1
McCulloch	1	—	1
Short	1	—	1
McKeown	1	—	1

One own goal in League (Houston of Raith Rovers). Top scorer Alex Clarke hit four goals against Montrose in the League on May 5th. Two other Airdrie players, John Goldthorp and Willie McGuire both scored hat-tricks, Goldthorp in the League against Queen of the South on March 31st and McGuire in the same match against Montrose as Clarke (Airdrie won 8-2).

ARBROATH			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Yule	10	1	11
A. Kidd	8	—	8
Gavine	7	1	8
Myles	8	—	8
Fletcher	5	1	6
Wilson	4	—	4
McKenzie	1	2	3
L. Kydd	2	—	2
Carson	2	—	2
Mitchell	1	—	1
Cargill	—	1	1

Two own goals in League, Hair (Montrose) and McLaren (Dundee).

AYR UNITED			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
McLaughlin	19	4	23
Phillips	14	—	14
McCall	6	2	8
Christie	6	—	6
Cramond	4	2	6
McLelland	1	3	4
Masterton	5	—	5
McSherry	5	—	5
McCutcheon	5	—	5
Wells	2	—	2
McAlister	1	—	1
Reilly	1	—	1

Two own goals in League, D'Arcy (Montrose) and McNeill (St. Johnstone). Brian McLaughlin scored four against Montrose in the League on Dec. 16th. Seven of his goals were from the penalty-spot. Gerry Phillips hit three against Clyde in the League on Feb. 28.

CLYDE			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Ward	10	1	11
Ahern	8	1	9
Grant	8	—	8
Marshall	7	—	7
Hood	7	—	7
O'Neill	4	1	5
McCabe	3	—	3
Kean	2	—	2
Anderson	1	—	1
Ferris	1	—	1
Brogan	1	—	1

Two own goals in League, Myles (Raith Rovers) and Houston (Raith Rovers). Joe Ward netted four times against St. Johnstone in the League on Nov. 11th.

HAMILTON			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Graham	19	—	19
Fairlie	13	1	14
Howie	10	2	12
Wright	3	1	4
Glavin	4	—	4
Morrison	3	—	3
McManus	2	—	2
Dempsey	2	—	2
McCulloch	2	—	2
O'Donnell	1	—	1
McDowell	1	—	1
McGrogan	1	—	1

Two own goals — Davies (Cowdenbeath) in League Cup and Hamilton (St. Johnstone) in League. Only Hamilton player to notch a hat-trick was Jamie Fairlie against Queen of the South in the League on Sept. 27th.

KILMARNOCK			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Bourke	21	—	21
Maxwell	11	1	12
Cairney	9	2	11
Gibson	9	—	9
Straet	5	1	6
Clark	4	—	4
McDicken	2	1	3
Hughes	3	—	3
McDowell	2	1	3
Doherty	2	—	2
Jardine	2	—	2
Welsh	—	1	1
Provan	1	—	1

One own goal in League — Hamilton (St. Johnstone). John Bourke scored three against Hamilton in the League on Dec. 23rd.

MONTROSE			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Murray	11	2	13
Robb	10	2	12
Livingstone	5	5	10
Miller	7	1	8
Georgeson	5	1	6
Hair	3	3	6
Lowie	4	1	5
McIntosh	4	—	4
D'Arcy	2	—	2
Ford	1	—	1
Cornack	1	—	1
Wright	1	—	1

One own goal in League — Cloy (Queen of the South). Three players hit hat-tricks during the season all in the League — Gary Murray against Clyde on Apr. 11th, Doug Robb against Queen of the South on Mar. 7th, and Roddie Georgeson against Ayr Utd. on Oct. 14th.

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH			
L	LC	S.C. TOTAL	
Bryce	13	—	13
Coughlin	7	—	7
Dempster	6	—	6
P. Dickson	4	—	4
McChesney	3	—	3
Mitchell	2	—	2
Boyd	2	—	2
Pollock	1	—	1
Clark	1	—	1
Halley	1	—	1
Shields	1	—	1
G. Dickson	1	—	1
McCann	1	—	1

DUNDEE UTD.

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Kirkwood	11	—	11
Dodds	10	—	10
Sturrock	6	1	7
Narey	5	—	5
Hegarty	4	—	4
Fleming	3	1	4
Stewart	4	—	4
Addison	3	—	3
Payne	3	—	3
Kopel	2	—	2
Holt	2	—	2
Frye	1	—	1
Stark	1	—	1

1 own goal in League (McNamara of Hibs). United, who led the Premier Division for so long only to fall at the final hurdle, lack a first-class striker. True, their goals have been shared around, but a deadlier finisher might just have snatched the Championship for them.

PARTICK THISTLE

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Sommer	11	—	11
Melrose	9	—	9
O'Hara	8	—	8
McAdam	4	—	4
Houston	4	—	4
Park	2	—	2
Gibson	1	1	2
Anderson	1	—	1
Sheed	1	—	1
Craig	—	1	1

Two own goals, 1 in the League (McLaren of Morton), and 1 in the League Cup (McRoberts of Falkirk).

Jim Melrose was the only Thistle player to net a hat-trick, against Hibs on Apr. 25th.

HEARTS

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
O'Connor	8	—	8
Gibson	6	—	6
Busby	6	—	6
Robertson	4	—	4
Bannon	5	1	6
McQuade	4	—	4
Fraser	3	—	3
Shaw	1	1	2
Park	1	—	1

One own goal in League (Dempsey of Motherwell). Easy to see why Hearts were relegated — just not enough fire-power up-front and a leaky defence.

RANGERS

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Smith	11	5	16
Johnstone	9	2	11
Cooper	5	3	8
Macdonald	5	2	7
Parlane	4	2	6
Russell	4	1	5
Urquhart	4	—	4
A. Forsyth	4	—	4
Jackson	1	2	3
Watson	2	—	2
Jardine	—	1	1
McLean	1	1	2
Miller	—	1	1
T. Forsyth	—	—	—
Robertson	1	—	1
Dawson	1	—	1

Two own goals in League Cup — Wells (Arbroath) and Casey (Celtic). One own goal in Scottish Cup Final — Duncan (Hibs). Derek Johnstone hit four against Hearts in the League on Dec. 16th and Robert Russell had a hat-trick against Hearts on Apr. 28th, also in the League.

HIBS

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
MacLeod	8	3	11
Callaghan	9	2	11
Rae	7	1	8
Higgins	4	—	4
Bremner	5	—	5
Hutchinson	4	—	4
Stewart	1	1	2
Campbell	3	—	3
Refvik	—	2	2
Duncan	1	—	1
Brazil	1	—	1
Temperley	1	—	1
Smith	—	1	1

SECOND DIVISION

ALBION ROV.

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Clelland	23	—	23
Hart	8	—	8
Hill	5	—	5
Franchetti	4	—	4
Loughran	3	—	3
Leishman	4	—	4
Shields	3	—	3
Main	2	—	2
Coyle	1	—	1
McGillivray	1	—	1
Allen	1	—	1
Gillespie	1	—	1
Triallist	1	—	1

ALLOA

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Irvine	13	—	13
Morrison	6	2	8
Miller	6	2	8
Kelly	7	—	7
Cochrane	6	1	7
Hamilton	5	—	5
Carberry	3	—	3
Holt	1	—	1
Muir	2	—	2
McLeod	2	—	2
Steele	1	1	2
Henderson	1	—	1
Donald	1	—	1
Wallace	1	—	1
McIntosh	1	—	1
Triallist	1	—	1

BERWICK

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Morton	19	—	19
Tait	12	—	12
McLean	9	3	12
Davidson	10	—	10
G. Smith	8	—	8
Jobson	3	—	3
McLeod	4	—	4
D. Smith	3	—	3
Wheatley	3	—	3
Georgeson	3	—	3
Moyes	2	—	2
McDowell	1	—	1
I. Smith	1	—	1
Brown	1	—	1
Rutherford	1	—	1

Three own goals — Thomson (St. Mirren) in the League Cup, Halley (East Fife) and Stewart (Meadowbank) in League.

Four players managed the magic figure three in a game — Jim Morton against East Stirling on Sept. 30th, Eric Tait against Cowdenbeath on Apr. 7th, Gordon Smith against Albion Rov. on Mar. 28th, and Jobson against East Stirling on Apr. 14th — all were League games.

BRECHIN

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
I. Campbell	16	—	16
Gillespie	9	—	9
Robb	4	—	4
Cairns	4	—	4
Watt	3	—	3
Illover	2	—	2
D. Campbell	1	1	2
Johnson	2	—	2
Grant	1	—	1
Reid	1	—	1
Elvin	1	—	1
Kyles	1	—	1
Laing	1	—	1

Three own goals, two in the League — Wyllie (Queen's Park), and Conroy (Meadowbank) — and one in the Scottish Cup — McIvor (East Fife).

COWDENBEATH

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Steele	21	1	22
Harley	8	2	10
Liddle	5	—	5
Caithness	5	—	5
Markey	3	—	3
Hardin	4	—	4
Hunter	3	—	3
Marshall	4	—	4
Ferrier	3	—	3
Milne	3	—	3
Davies	1	—	1
Paterson	1	—	1
Russell	1	—	1
Fair	1	—	1

Brian Ferrier netted his three goals in the same game — against Alloa on Apr. 4th.

CLYDEBANK

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Miller	28	2	30
McDougall	25	1	26
McCormick	10	2	12
Hall	3	—	3
Houston	3	—	3
Given	2	—	2
Colgan	2	—	2
Brown	1	—	1
Fanning	1	—	1
Fallon	1	—	1
McLaughlin	1	—	1
McIntyre	1	—	1

Blair Miller and Frank McDougall — the most deadly striking partnership in Scotland last season. They finished up first and second in the First Division scorers list but even they couldn't manage to clinch promotion for the Bankies.

DUMBARTON

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Blair	9	—	9
Gallagher	8	—	8
Fyfe	7	—	7
D. Whitford	7	—	7
Brown	4	—	4
McNeil	3	—	3
J. Whiteford	3	—	3
Sharp	1	—	1
McCluskey	3	—	3
Muir	2	—	2
McLean	2	—	2
Coyle	2	—	2
McLeod A.	1	—	1
Sinclair	1	—	1
Findlay	1	—	1
McLeod M.	1	—	1

One own goal in League — Houston (Raith Rov).

Three 'sons' managed hat-tricks — Raymond Blair against Airdrie on Nov. 11th, Derek Whiteford against Ayr Utd. on Sept. 16th, and John Whiteford against Raith Rov. on Mar. 28th. All League games.

DUNDEE

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Pirie	16	—	16
Redford	15	—	15
Sinclair	10	1	11
McLaren	5	—	5
Shirra	4	—	4
Williamson	4	—	4
Lamb	2	—	2
McGhee	2	—	2
Murphy	2	—	2
Caldwell	1	—	1
Glennie	1	—	1
Barr	1	—	1
McDougall	1	—	1
Phillip	1	—	1
Schaefer	1	—	1

Two own goals in League — Wells (Arbroath) and Burns (Stirling Alb).

RAITH ROVERS

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Wallace	14	5	19
Harrow	10	3	13
Forrest	6	2	8
Thomson	3	—	3
Duncan	2	—	2
McDonagh	2	—	2
Taylor	1	—	1
Candlish	1	—	1
McFarlane	1	—	1
Pettie	1	—	1
Murray	1	—	1
Urquhart	1	—	1
Hunter	1	—	1
Myles	1	—	1
McComb	1	—	1
Ford	1	—	1

Top scorer Gordon Wallace scored four against Queen's Park in the League Cup on Aug. 30th. Gordon Forrest hit a hat-trick against Queen of the South in the League on Sept. 23rd.

ST. JOHNSTONE

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Brogan	14	—	14
Lawson	10	—	10
Rutherford	7	—	7
Brannigan	5	—	5
Pelosi	5	—	5
McNeil	3	—	3
Muir	3	—	3
Ward	3	—	3
Thomas	1	—	1
Hamilton	2	—	2
Redford	1	—	1
O'Connor	1	—	1

John Brogan scored three against Queen of the South on Mar. 10th and Micky Lawson also hit a hat-trick against Stirling Albion on Dec. 23rd. Both were League games.

STIRLING ALBION

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Steele	7	—	7
Kennedy	6	—	6
McPhee	4	1	5
Watson	4	—	4
Heggie	4	—	4
Armstrong	4	—	4
Lowe	2	—	2
Gray	2	—	2
Browning	1	—	1
Brown	1	—	1
McGibbon	1	—	1
Nicol	1	—	1
Thomson	1	—	1
Friel	1	—	1
Irvine	1	—	1

Three own goals in League — Kelly (Ayr Utd.), Rutherford (St. Johnstone), and Boyd (Queen of the South).

SECOND DIVISION (Continued)

DUNFERMLINE

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Leonard	20	—	4 24
Mullin	12	—	1 13
Rolland	7	—	1 8
Hegarty	6	—	— 6
Dickson	5	—	— 5
Sharp	4	—	— 4
McLaren	2	—	1 3
Salton	3	—	— 3
Borthwick	2	—	— 2
Dunn	1	—	1 2
Donnelly	1	—	— 1
Robertson	1	—	— 1
Mercer	1	—	— 1
Thomson	1	—	— 1

Mike Leonard twice hit four goals in a game — against Stranraer on Sept. 16th and against East Fife on Oct. 7th. He also scored a hat-trick against Brechin on Mar. 7th. All were League games.

EAST FIFE

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Mackie	15	—	— 15
Methven	11	—	— 11
Dickson	8	—	2 10
Cairns	5	—	— 5
Clarke	3	—	— 3
McIvor	3	—	— 3
Neilson	3	—	— 3
Herd	3	—	— 3
Gibson	2	—	— 2
Wedderburn	2	—	— 2
Huskie	2	—	— 2
George	1	—	— 1
Halley	1	—	— 1
Gillies	1	—	— 1

One own goal in League — Rose (Stenhousemuir).

Ken Mackie scored a hat-trick against East Stirling in the League on Sept. 6th.

EAST STIRLING

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Docherty	15	—	1 16
Grant	8	—	— 8
McCormack	7	—	1 8
Ashwood	6	1	— 7
Simpson	4	—	1 5
Bennett	5	—	— 5
Blair	5	—	— 5
Lamont	4	—	1 5
McCulley	3	—	— 3
Tempeney	2	—	— 2
McCaig	1	—	— 1
Triallist	1	—	— 1

John Docherty hit a hat-trick in the League against Cowdenbeath on September 13th.

FALKIRK

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
McRoberts	10	2	1 13
McCallan	9	—	2 11
Hay	8	—	— 8
Perry	6	—	1 7
Thomson	6	—	— 6
Stevenson	5	—	— 5
Brown	2	—	2 4
Mitchell	3	—	— 3
Paterson	3	—	— 3
Oliver	3	—	— 3
Graham	3	—	— 3
Hoggan	1	1	— 2
McDowell	3	—	— 3
Hamilton	1	—	— 1

One own goal in League Cup — Sheed (Partick Th) — and two in League — Feeney (Stenhousemuir) and Henderson (Alloa).

Ally McRoberts hit three against Brechin in the League on September 30th and John Hay had a treble also in the League against Forfar on April 4th.

FORFAR

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Rae	11	1	— 12
Clark	10	—	— 10
Reid	7	—	1 8
Henderson	6	—	— 6
Hall	2	—	2 4
Kinnear	4	—	— 4
Gallagher	2	—	1 3
Knox	2	—	1 3
Brash	2	—	— 2
Henry	2	—	— 2
T. Brown	2	—	— 2
McPhee	1	—	— 1
Bennett	1	—	— 1
K. Brown	1	—	— 1

Two own goals in League — Dickson (East Fife) and Elvin (Brechin).

MEADOWBANK

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Davidson	7	—	1 8
Small	6	—	1 7
Adair	6	—	— 6
McKenzie	3	—	2 5
J. Hancock	3	—	1 4
S. Hancock	2	—	— 2
Conroy	1	—	1 2
Downie	2	—	— 2
Johnston	—	—	2 2
Leetion	2	—	— 2
O'Rourke	1	—	— 1
Stewart	1	—	— 1
Wight	1	—	— 1

One own goal in League — Heaney (East Fife).

STENHOUSEMUIR

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
McNaughton	15	—	— 15
Sweeney	12	1	— 13
Feeney	6	—	— 6
Gibb	4	1	— 5
Jenkins	3	—	1 4
McCullie	2	—	— 2
Halliday	2	—	— 2
Jack	2	—	— 2
Wilson	1	—	— 1
Rose	1	—	— 1
Gordon	1	—	— 1

Two own goals in League — Shields (Albion Rov) and Sime (Brechin).

STRANRAER

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Harvey	11	—	— 11
McDonald	6	—	1 7
Hyslop	6	—	— 6
McGuigan	6	—	— 6
Mills	4	—	— 4
Robertson	2	1	— 3
McClymont	3	—	— 3
McCutcheon	3	—	— 3
Hay	3	—	— 3
Milligan	2	—	— 2
Tait	2	—	— 2
Steen	2	—	— 2
Hopkins	2	—	— 2

QUEEN'S PARK

	L	L.C.	S.C. TOTAL
Ballantyne	14	3	2 19
McAloon	9	—	1 10
Wood	4	—	1 5
Nicholson	4	—	— 4
Wilkie	3	1	— 4
Reynolds	3	—	— 3
Horn	2	1	— 3
Edgar	—	—	2 2
McDonald	1	1	— 2
Greenfield	1	—	— 1
Gillespie	1	—	— 1
Sinclair	1	—	— 1
McPherson	1	—	— 1
Wylie	1	—	— 1

One own goal in League — O'Rourke (Meadowbank).

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LIVERPOOL

IT'S BEEN a long and difficult road . . . but now we've won, I want to say that I won't want this to be a one-off affair. This is just the start . . ."

Those words were spoken by Arsenal manager Terry Neill after his team's F.A. Cup Final victory over Manchester United at Wembley on Saturday, May 12th, had earned The Gunners the right to take on League Champions Liverpool in the prestige pipe-opener to next season, the Charity Shield on August 11th.

Even as he spoke the words, Arsenal's manager was probably thinking about the challenge which faces his men now.

For like every other club in football, Arsenal know that consistency is the yardstick, and that to prove themselves a great team, they have to measure up to the best. In a word, Liverpool — the team all the others have to beat.

Even before the Final, Terry Neill was acknowledging Liverpool's mastery, for after The Gunners had gone down 3-0 at Anfield in the League, as the Anfield Reds powered their way towards the title, Neill was saying: "Liverpool are the team one admires most in the country, because of their consistency."

Liverpool, in fact, had just lost to Manchester United in their Semi-Final replay. But Arsenal's manager knew one defeat wasn't the end. His verdict: "Liverpool were obviously disappointed, but they'll steamroller on . . . they've done it for so long." And they did, to win their 11th record-breaking League title.

Manchester United's Joe Jordan and Lou Macari are canny Scots, and they know the uncertainties of football. But they played against Liverpool in the Cup — and that was at the beginning of April, remember, with the season stretching into May — they had no doubts about one thing.

"For me," said little Lou, "Liverpool have already won the Championship. I don't believe anyone else has a chance. They have to start losing matches — the others

-The team everyone wants to beat



still have to be winning every week." And Joe Jordan's assessment: "The Semi-Final's a one-off match. We could win by two goals, or we could be beaten. But as for the title, so far as I can see West Brom are the only danger to Liverpool. I think Liverpool will win it."

Just before they met Arsenal at Wembley, he harked back to Liverpool, this time measuring United by that Cup win over the Anfield Reds. "We've beaten the best team in the country . . . so why shouldn't we fancy our chances against Arsenal?"

One man who played close on 650 games for United studied Liverpool for three weeks before the Semi-Finals, so he was able to

mark United's card. He was the former United star Bill Foulkes. And he rated Liverpool "the best side I've seen for 20 years — better in two ways than we were before the Munich crash. They're more disciplined, and possibly that bit fitter. They're tremendous from back to front, the best team I've ever seen."

So what IS the secret of Liverpool's success? — And remember that their record of consistency in the past two decades has been remarkable indeed. They were in the Second Division when Bill Shankly arrived as manager, and he left them when they were at the pinnacle — or so it seemed. But his successor, Bob Paisley, took the

club on to even greater things.

Three years ago, Liverpool chairman John W. Smith made this forecast to me: "I believe Liverpool will become the acknowledged kings of Continental football. We are well on the way to that kind of reputation now, with 13 successive seasons in Europe to our credit."

Liverpool players (left) celebrate their 1963-64 League Championship triumph. Ron Yeats (below) with the F.A. Cup after beating Leeds 2-1 in 1965.



LIVERPOOL STATISTICS

Under Bill Shankly who took charge at Anfield in December, 1959

Season 1959-60 Second Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Position
42 20 10 12 90 66 50 3

F.A. Cup: Leyton Orient (h) 2-1;
Manchester United (h) 1-3.

Season 1960-61 Second Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Position
42 21 10 11 87 58 52 3

F.A. Cup: Coventry City (h) 3-2;
Sunderland (h) 0-2.

League Cup: Luton Town (h) 1-1, (a) 5-2; Southampton (h) 1-2.

Season 1961-62 Second Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Position
42 27 8 7 99 43 62 1

[Promoted as champions of Division 2.]

F.A. Cup: Chelsea (h) 4-3; Oldham Ath. (a) 2-1; Preston (h) 0-0, (a) 0-0 (Old Trafford) 0-1.

League Cup: did not enter.

Season 1962-63 First Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Position
42 17 10 15 71 59 44 8

F.A. Cup: Wrexham (a) 3-0; Burnley (a) 1-1, (h) 2-1; Arsenal (a) 2-1; West Ham (h) 1-0; Leicester City (semi-final at Hillsborough) 0-1.

League Cup: did not enter.

Season 1963-64 First Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Position
42 26 5 11 92 45 57 1

(League champions).

F.A. Cup: Derby Co. (h) 5-0; Port Vale (h) 0-0, (a) 2-1; Arsenal (a) 1-0; Swansea Town (h) 1-2.

League Cup: did not enter.

Season 1964-65 First Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Position
42 17 10 15 67 73 44 7

F.A. Cup: West Brom (a) 2-1; Stockport Co. (h) 1-1, (a) 2-0; Bolton Wanderers (a) 1-0; Leicester City (a) 0-0, (h) 1-0; Chelsea (semi-final at Villa Park) 2-0; Leeds United (final at Wembley) 2-1, after extra time. (Liverpool won F.A. Cup)

European Cup: Reykjavik (a) 5-0, (h) 6-1; Anderlecht (h) 3-0, (a) 1-0; Cologne (a) 0-0, (h) 0-0, (play-off — Rotterdam)

2-2 (Liverpool won on flip of a disc); Inter-Milan (h — semi-final), 3-1, (a) 0-3.

League Cup: did not enter.

Season 1965-66 First Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Position
42 26 9 7 79 34 61 1

(League champions)

F.A. Cup: Chelsea (h) 1-2
European Cup Winners' Cup: Juventus (a) 0-1, (h) 2-0; Standard Liege (h) 3-1, (a) 2-1; Honved (a) 0-0, (h) 2-0; Glasgow Celtic (a — semi-final) 0-1, (h) 2-0; Borussia Dortmund (final — Glasgow) 1-2.

League Cup: did not enter.

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SUPER REDS OF AN

"Well done son." Souness (left) extends a hand to Case that says it all.



Li... ver... pooooooooooooo! Phil Thompson sings a solo!

WHAT price Liverpool for a 12th First Division Championship at the end of 1979-80?

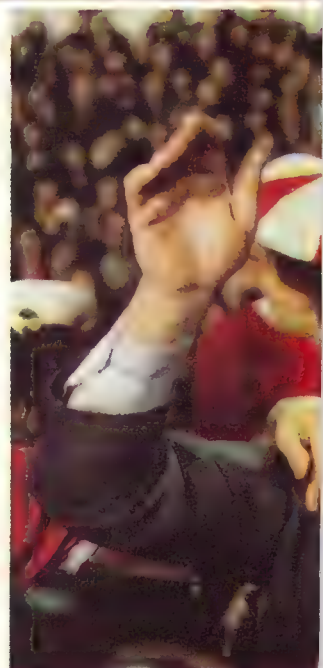
It would take a brave man to bet against them achieving that distinction after glancing at the jubilation captured in this picture special.

For this was the magic moment when they knew they had clinched their record 11th title by defeating Aston Villa 3-0 on Tuesday, May 8th before 50,570 fans at Anfield.

Heroes that night were goalscorers Alan Kennedy, Footballer of the Year Kenny Dalglish, and Terry McDermott.

Liverpool went on to accumulate a record 68 points by defeating Leeds United 3-0 at Elland Road. They also established a record for conceding the fewest number of goals ever — 16 — by a First Division side.

But everyone is a hero from Emlyn Hughes, now in the twilight of his career, to Jimmy Case, Alan Kennedy, Graeme Souness, Ray Kennedy, Phil Thompson, Alan Hansen and the other youngsters destined to win more glory.



FIELD



Above: Liverpool's Scottish trio, Alan Hansen (left), Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness cannot hide their joy.
Left: Alan Kennedy's "hat-trick".
Below: Kop favourites Jimmy Case (left) and Ray Kennedy.



Bob Paisley acknowledges Liverpool's record 11th Championship.



SHOOT!

Today, Liverpool's chairman says: "I was confident then because of the foundation on which the club had been built. People like the late T. V. Williams (who became club president) and Eric Sawyer (a director who, on his death recently, was described as a financial genius) helped to give the club stability and authority."

"And on the backroom side, we maintained the continuity when we named Bob Paisley manager and promoted other people within the club. I see our future as being rosy, too — we are stronger than ever, and perhaps the time has arrived when, because of what we have achieved, we have a psychological advantage over opponents. People stand in a greater degree of awe."

"But we must never become complacent. It requires twice the effort to stay on top than it does to climb to the top. We have to be even more professional, and we intend to be — possibly to provide soccer lovers everywhere with the

finest football they have ever seen. Winning isn't the important thing — it's the only thing."

When you join Liverpool as a player, you can hope for a winner's medal a year. You are expected to play in a successful side. In his first season, Alan Kennedy has a Championship medal; in two seasons, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen have claimed European Cup and League-title medals; since they arrived in 1974, Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott have won U.E.F.A. Cup, European Cup and League-title medals; in nine years, Steve Heighway has stepped up for nine winner's medals — ignoring two F.A. Cup Final defeats and one in the Final of the League Cup.

Heighway says: "It would be interesting to see if anyone else has such a collection of winners' medals in the same space of time. In my first season, we went to Wembley and lost an F.A. Cup Final; then we won the U.E.F.A. Cup and the League together; in



1974 it was the F.A. Cup; then the U.E.F.A. Cup and the League again; then the European Cup and the Championship; then the European Cup again; and now the League title once more.

"Many people have sought the secret of our success, but there's no one reason, in my view. It's a combination of things, all of which have proved to be right. Fitness, stamina, ability, application, back-room staff... and the right type of players and people. Perhaps the latter factors are the ones which are overlooked. Maybe more than anything else it's the personality and the character of the players and staff, being able to cope with the pressures, keeping your feet on the ground even while you're always winning."

"The way we play is important, too. We play our own system, win, lose or draw; you must have a system and be organised, especially to win League titles. It must be geared to keeping you going from August to May, through all kinds of weather and ground conditions. And for me, the ultimate test is still whether you can go through 42 matches and wind up with the title. That's the thing that proves you're the best."

Chairman John W. Smith adds something to the Heighway view-

TOP OF PAGE... Hamburger F.C. 'keeper can do nothing to stop a Terry McDermott (out of picture) goal in the Super Cup.

ABOVE... A happy Bill Shankly travels home after Liverpool's 1974 F.A. Cup Final win.

LEFT... Tommy Smith with the 1973 U.E.F.A. Cup.

Season 1966-67

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	19	13	10	64	47	51	5

F.A. Cup: Watford (a) 0-0, (h) 3-1; Aston Villa (h) 1-0; Everton (a) 0-1.

European Cup: Petrolul Ploesti (h) 2-0, (a) 1-3, (play-off in Brussels) 2-0; Ajax (a) 1-5, (h) 2-2.

League Cup: did not enter.

Season 1967-68

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	22	9	11	71	40	53	3

F.A. Cup: Bournemouth (a) 0-0, (h) 4-1; Walsall (a) 0-0, (h) 5-2; Tottenham Hotspur (a) 1-1, (h) 2-1; West Brom (a) 0-0, (h) 1-1, (Maine-road) 1-2.

Fairs Cup: Malmö (a) 2-0, (h) 2-1; Munich 1860 (h) 8-0, (a) 1-2; Ferencvaros (a) 0-1, (h) 0-1.

League Cup: Bolton (h) 1-1 (a) 2-3.

Season 1968-69

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	25	6	11	63	24	61	2

F.A. Cup: Doncaster R. (h) 2-0; Burnley (h) 2-1; Leicester C. (a) 0-0, (h) 0-1.

Fairs Cup: Bilbao (a) 1-2, (h) 2-1 (Liverpool lost on flip of disc).

League Cup: Sheffield United (h) 4-0; Swansea (h) 2-0; Arsenal (a) 1-2.

Season 1969-70

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	20	11	11	65	42	51	5

Fairs Cup: Dundalk (h) 10-0, (a) 4-0; Vitoria Setubal (a) 0-1, (h) 3-2 (Setubal won, on away goals counting double).

F.A. Cup: Coventry C. (a) 1-1, (h) 3-0; Wrexham (h) 3-1; Leicester C. (h) 0-0, (a) 2-0; Watford (a) 0-1.

League Cup: Watford (a) 2-1, Manchester City (a) 2-3.

Season 1970-71

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	17	17	8	42	24	51	5

F.A. Cup: Aldershot (h) 1-0; Swansea City (h) 3-0; Southampton (h) 1-0; Tottenham (h) 0-0, (a) 1-0; Everton (semi-final — Old Trafford) 2-1; Arsenal (final — Wembley) 1-2.

Fairs Cup: Ferencvaros (h) 1-0, (a) 1-1; Dinamo Bucharest (h) 3-0, (a) 1-1; Hibernian (a) 1-0, (h) 2-0; Bayern Munich (h) 3-0, (a) 1-1; Leeds United (h — semi-final) 0-1, (a) 0-0.

League Cup: Mansfield (a) 0-0, (h) 3-2 (after extra time); Swindon Town (a) 0-2.

Season 1971-72

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	24	9	9	64	30	57	3

F.A. Cup: Oxford United (a) 3-0; Leeds United (h) 0-0, (a) 0-2.

Cup-Winners' Cup: Servette Geneva (a) 1-2, (h) 2-0; Bayern Munich (h) 0-0, (a) 1-3.

League Cup: Hull City (h) 3-0, Southampton (h) 1-0; West Ham (a) 1-2.

Season 1972-73

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	25	10	7	72	42	60	1

(League champions).

F.A. Cup: Burnley (a) 0-0, (h) 3-0; Manchester City (h) 0-0, (a) 0-2.

U.E.F.A. Cup: Eintracht Frankfurt (h) 2-0, (a) 0-0; AEK Athens (h) 3-0, (a) 3-1; Dynamo Berlin (a) 0-0, (h) 3-1; Dynamo Dresden (h) 2-0, (a) 1-0; Tottenham Hotspur (h — Semi-Final) 1-0, (a) 1-2 (Liverpool won on away goals counting double); Borussia Mönchengladbach (h — Final) 3-0, (a) 0-2. (Liverpool won U.E.F.A. Cup on aggregate)

League Cup: Carlisle (a) 1-1, (h) 5-1; West Brom (a) 1-1, (h) 2-1; Leeds United (h) 2-2 (a) 1-0; Tottenham Hotspur (h) 1-1, (a) 1-3.



point. "When you measure our achievements against a background of world football, I think the achievements of other clubs, while meritorious, sink into oblivion compared with what we have done in the past five years — and remember, we have been competing in what is generally accepted as the hardest League Championship of them all. I'm very heartened when I travel abroad and see the esteem in which Liverpool Football Club is held. We have become a world-famous name in the game."

Bill Shankly, of course, was the man who set Liverpool on course, taking them out of Division Two, steering them to greatness in the mid-1960's, rebuilding a side set to succeed in the 1970's. During his reign, players like Ron Yeats, Roger Hunt, Ian St. John, Peter Thompson, Tommy Smith, Chris Lawler and Ian Callaghan became kings, while Ray Clemence and Kevin Keegan were two unknowns

who achieved stardom.

Shankly was guest speaker recently at the Football Writers' Association dinner at which Kenny Dalglish, Keegan's successor as the idol of Anfield, received his Footballer of the Year award. And Shankly, direct as ever, talked about the staff he had, the teamwork on the backroom side, as well as on the field; about playing the game the simple way, about fitness, and about keeping the momentum going.

Bob Paisley echoes this as he says: "We don't complicate things; we keep it simple —

although sometimes the simplest and smallest chores can be the hardest."

Liverpool's team today is very much Paisley's team, for he has introduced names like Phil Neal, Alan Hansen, Alan Kennedy, Graeme Souness, Terry McDermott, David Johnson and Kenny Dalglish, while Phil Thompson has become skipper and Jimmy Case has emerged as a key man.

Paisley admits: "If, when I took over, I'd suggested that we should win so many things during the past five years, I'd have been a candidate for the nuthouse."

"Even now, when I look back, it seems phenomenal. I've pursued the same policy which has held good for years and years... take each day as it comes, and each match as it comes. Don't day-dream of what might happen — make sure you do the job immediately in hand."

It's a policy which has made Bob Paisley the most successful manager in British football in five short years, and which seems certain to keep Liverpool in the forefront during the next decade. For even when they're on top, they are striving to improve, as the recent, £300,000 signing for Frank McGarvey and the £200,000 addition of Avi Cohen confirm.

And as they head for the 1980's, Liverpool remain the team all the others have to beat. Some things don't change, even in the uncertain game called football.



ABOVE . . . In nine seasons, Steve Heighway (white shirt v. Nottingham Forest) has picked up nine winner's medals.

LEFT . . . Kenny Dalglish with the European Cup he won for Liverpool after scoring the only goal in the 1978 Final v. Bruges.



UNDER BILL SHANKLY

Season 1961-62: Second Division champions; 1962-63: F.A. Cup semi-finalists; 1963-64: League champions; 1964-65: F.A. Cup winners (for first time in club's history) and European Cup semi-finalists; 1965-66: League champions and Cup winners' Cup finalists; 1970-71: F.A. Cup finalists and Fairs' Cup semi-finalists; 1972-73: League champions and U.E.F.A. Cup winners; 1973-74: F.A. Cup winners.

UNDER BOB PAISLEY

Season 1975-76: League champions and U.E.F.A. Cup winners; 1976-77: League champions and European Cup winners, F.A. Cup finalists; 1977-78: European Cup winners, Super Cup winners, League Cup finalists; 1978-79: League champions and F.A. Cup semi-finalists. (Liverpool broke Leeds United's ten-year-old record of 67 points when, with a 3-0 victory at Elland Road in their final game, they set an all-time record total of 68 points from 42 League matches. They also set a new, all-time record for the fewest goals conceded (16) in 42 League games, and won a £50,000 prize when Jimmy Case struck their 84th goal of the season in the League — in fact, Liverpool totalled 85 League goals when they made it 3-0 against Leeds).

Season 1973-74

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	22	13	7	52	31	57	2
F.A. Cup: Doncaster R. (h) 2-2, (a) 2-0; Carlisle (h) 0-0, (a) 2-0; Ipswich Town (h) 2-0; Bristol City (a) 1-0; Leicester City (semi-final — Old Trafford) 0-0, (replay at Villa Park) 3-1; Newcastle United (final — Wembley) 3-0. Liverpool won F.A. Cup							

European Cup: Jeunesse d'Esch (a) 1-1, (h) 2-0; Red Star Belgrade (a) 1-2, (h) 1-2.
League Cup: West Ham (a) 2-2, (h) 1-0; Sunderland (a) 2-0; Hull City (a) 0-0, (h) 3-1; Wolves (a) 0-1.

(UNDER BOB PAISLEY)

Season 1974-75

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	20	11	11	60	39	51	2
F.A. Cup: Stoke City (h) 2-0; Ipswich Town (a) 0-1. Cup-Winners' Cup: Stromsgodset (h) 11-0, (a) 1-0; Ferencvaros (h) 1-1, (a) 0-0							

(Ferencvaros won on away goals counting double)

League Cup: Brentford (h) 2-1; Bristol City (a) 0-0; (h) 4-0; Middlesbrough (h) 0-1.

Season 1975-76

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	23	14	5	66	31	60	1
(League champions) F.A. Cup: West Ham (a) 2-0; Derby County (a) 0-1. U.E.F.A. Cup: Hibernian (a) 0-1, (h) 3-1; Real Sociedad (a) 3-1, (h) 6-0; Slask Wroclaw (a) 2-1, (h) 3-0; Dynamo Dresden (a) 0-0, (h) 2-1; Barcelona (a — semi-final) 1-0; (h) 1-1; FC Bruges (h — final) 3-2; (a) 1-1. (Liverpool won U.E.F.A. Cup on aggregate). League Cup: York City (a) 1-0; Burnley (h) 1-1, (a) 0-1.							

Season 1976-77

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	23	11	8	62	33	57	1
(League champions)							

F.A. Cup: Crystal Palace (h) 0-0, (a) 3-2; Carlisle (h) 3-0; Oldham Ath. (h) 3-1; Middlesbrough (h) 2-0; Everton (semi-final — Maine-road) 2-2, (replay — Maine-road) 3-0; Manchester United (final — Wembley) 1-2.

European Cup: Crusaders (h) 2-0, (a) 5-0; Trabzonspor (a) 0-1, (h) 3-0; St. Etienne (a) 0-1, (h) 3-1; FC Zurich (a — semi-final) 3-1, (h) 3-0; Borussia Moenchengladbach (final — Rome) 3-1. (Liverpool won European Cup).

League Cup: West Brom (h) 1-1, (a — replay) 0-1.

Season 1977-78

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	24	9	9	65	34	57	2
F.A. Cup: Chelsea (a) 2-4. European Cup: Dynamo Dresden (h) 5-1, (a) 1-2; Benfica (a) 2-1, (h) 4-1; Borussia Moenchengladbach (Semi-Final) 1-2, (h) 3-0; FC Bruges (Final — Wembley) 1-0. (Liverpool retained European Cup).							

League Cup: Chelsea (h) 2-0; Derby Co. (h) 2-0; Coventry City (h) 2-2, (a — replay) 2-0; Wrexham (a) 3-1; Arsenal (h — semi-final) 2-1, (a) 0-0; Nottingham Forest (final — Wembley) 0-0, (replay — Old Trafford) 0-1.

Super Cup: SV Hamburg (a) 1-1; (h) 6-0 (Liverpool won Super Cup competition)

Season 1978-79

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
42	30	8	4	85	16	68	1
(League champions) F.A. Cup: Southend (a) 0-0, (h — replay) 3-0; Blackburn Rovers (h) 1-0; Burnley (h) 3-0; Ipswich Town (a) 1-0; Manchester United (semi-final — Maine-road) 2-2, (replay — Goodison Park) 0-1.							

European Cup: Nottingham Forest (a) 0-2, (h) 0-0.

League Cup: Sheffield United (a) 0-1.

Super Cup: Anderlecht (a) 1-3, (h) 2-1.

ASTON VILLA — the Football League's goal-aces —

One of the statistics revealed in charts specially compiled for SHOOT

FIRST Division Champions Liverpool average more points a game than any of the other 91 clubs in the Football League.

They head a table, compiled specially for SHOOT, based on their results since joining the Football League in 1893.

The Anfield club, which has risen to become one of the most respected in world football, have gained 3,417 points in 2,992 matches since winning election to the Second Division when Queen Victoria was on the English throne.

That level of performance, which includes a record 11 First Division Championships, means that Liverpool have averaged almost one-and-a-half points a game.

Unlikely runners-up are Wimbledon, promoted to the Third Division at the end of last season. The South London club are running Bob Paisley's men close at the top of the chart, but Dario Gradi's players have had only two seasons experience of League football.

Perhaps more revealing is that Manchester United are third, averaging 1.1108 points a game, closely followed by North London rivals Arsenal and Tottenham.

Poor old Hartlepool United, original members of the Third Division North in 1921 and the butt of most musical-hall comedians' jokes over the years, are bottom of the pile, averaging only 0.8865 points from their 2,246 League appearances.

They have been marginally less successful than Crewe and Newport.

But if it's goals you want, then Aston Villa are the team to follow. SHOOT's "Goals" chart is headed by the Midland First Division club based on all League matches since 1888.

Villa have averaged 1.7695 goals a game in 3,124 League appearances. Second are another Midland club, Wolverhampton Wanderers (average 1.7314) with Manchester City edging out their deadly rivals United for third place.

Oxford United have the worst striking rate, scoring on average 1.1987 goals a game since gaining election to the Fourth Division in 1962.

The team with the best defensive record? Wimbledon. But that claim to rearguard fame is somewhat misleading, for they have played fewer than 100 League games since becoming a fully professional club.

Cambridge United, Oxford United and Hereford United, infants also by comparison to the more established clubs, have impressive defensive records in their brief League reigns, but it is Liverpool again, who boast the proudest defensive record of the more established clubs.

They have conceded an average of 1.3606 goals a game, a record that would have been considerably better if their past had been as successful as their present.

Holding up the table again are Crewe, Hartlepool and Newport, who have the worst defensive record of all the clubs.



John Gregory (left) scores for Aston Villa against Arsenal last season.

The Sharp-Shooters. A chart revealing the strike-rate of clubs based on all League matches since 1988.

CLUB	Games Played	Goals Scored	Average	CLUB	Games Played	Goals Scored	Average
ASTON VILLA	3124	5528	1.7695	CHELSEA	2606	3957	1.5184
WOLVES	3116	5395	1.7314	HULL C	2644	4009	1.5163
MANCHESTER C	3014	5208	1.7279	WALSALL	2482	3755	1.5129
MANCHESTER U	3024	5172	1.7103	PORTSMOUTH	2200	3327	1.5123
TOTTENHAM	2492	4261	1.7099	CHESTERFIELD	2600	3926	1.5100
LIVERPOOL	2992	5105	1.7062	CHESTER	1834	2767	1.5087
SUNDERLAND	3072	5219	1.6989	BURY	3024	4549	1.5043
ARSENAL	2992	5044	1.6858	SWINDON T	2272	3415	1.5031
EVERTON	3116	5241	1.6820	SOUTHEND U	2300	3457	1.5030
DERBY C	3124	5199	1.6642	BRISTOL C	2782	4169	1.4986
W.B.A.	3116	5143	1.6505	YORK C	1910	2855	1.4948
NEWCASTLE U	2992	4915	1.6427	MILLWALL	2250	3362	1.4942
LUTON T	2310	3734	1.6165	NORWICH C	2224	3314	1.4901
PETERBOROUGH	874	1410	1.6133	BRENTFORD	2284	3403	1.4899
MIDDLESBROUGH	2814	4529	1.6095	NOTTS C	3174	4720	1.4871
BLACKBURN R	3174	5090	1.6037	OLDHAM A	2620	3883	1.4821
MANSFIELD T	1832	2923	1.5955	BLACKPOOL	2874	4254	1.4802
WEST HAM U	2226	3546	1.5930	DARLINGTON	2246	3320	1.4782
SHEFFIELD U	3058	4867	1.5918	NOTTM F	3028	4470	1.4762
NORTHAMPTON T	2284	3617	1.5836	DONCASTER	2240	3299	1.4728
READING	2300	3628	1.5774	CRYSTAL P	2252	3310	1.4698
LEICESTER C	2964	4675	1.5773	TORQUAY U	2006	2947	1.4691
SHEFFIELD W	3040	4794	1.5770	SHREWSBURY	1334	1956	1.4663
WREXHAM	2242	3520	1.5700	WATFORD	2288	3351	1.4646
TRANMERE R	2246	3525	1.5695	HUDDERSFIELD	2440	3566	1.4615
SOUTHAMPTON	2212	3469	1.5683	BRADFORD	2788	4064	1.4577
BOLTON W	3124	4896	1.5672	BARNLEY	2932	4274	1.4577
PLYMOUTH	2240	3506	1.5652	STOCKPORT	2850	4132	1.4498
WIMBLEDON	92	144	1.5652	STOKE C	2828	4078	1.4420
BRIGHTON	2272	3548	1.5616	CARDIFF C	2188	3152	1.4406
LEEDS U	2564	3996	1.5585	COLCHESTER U	1332	1918	1.4399
BURNLEY	3116	4855	1.5581	ROCHDALE	2246	3192	1.4212
IPSWICH T	1452	2258	1.5551	BOURNEMOUTH	2174	3088	1.4204
PRESTON	3136	4872	1.5536	CREWE A	2356	3338	1.4168
CHARLTON A	2196	3410	1.5528	NEWPORT C	2258	3174	1.4057
BIRMINGHAM	3014	4673	1.5504	ALDRSHOT	1794	2510	1.3991
LINCOLN C	2966	4598	1.5502	EXETER C	2297	3194	1.3905
ROTHERHAM	2360	3656	1.5492	PORT VALE	2754	3825	1.3889
BRISTOL R	2244	3459	1.5414	HARTLEPOOL	2246	3088	1.3749
Q.P.R.	2244	3454	1.5392	SCUNTHORPE	1309	1776	1.3568
GRIMSBY T	3060	4709	1.5389	CAMBRIDGE U	410	551	1.3439
COVENTRY C	2274	3486	1.5330	GILLINGHAM	2088	2782	1.3324
FULHAM	2538	3887	1.5315	HALIFAX T	2248	2960	1.3167
WIGAN	458	698	1.5240	ORIENT	2646	3355	1.2686
CARLISLE U	1912	2912	1.5230	HEREFORD U	318	403	1.2673
SWANSEA C	2240	3405	1.5201	OXFORD U	750	899	1.1987



Liverpool (dark strip) in action during their 3-1 way win against Coventry City



Wimbledon (dark shorts) beat Bradford City last season on their way to winning promotion.

The Tightest Defences. A table showing goals conceded by clubs in the Football League.

CLUB	Matches Played	Goals Conceded	Average	CLUB	Matches Played	Goals Conceded	Average
WIMBLEDON	92	113	1.2283	SHEFFIELD W	3040	4578	1.5059
CAMBRIDGE U	410	513	1.2512	BIRMINGHAM C	3014	4541	1.5066
OXFORD U	750	946	1.2613	NORTHAMPTON T	2284	3444	1.5079
HEREFORD U	318	407	1.2799	OLDHAM A	2620	3957	1.5103
LIVERPOOL	2992	4071	1.3606	BLACKPOOL	2874	4358	1.5164
MILLWALL	2250	3073	1.3658	GILLINGHAM	2088	3171	1.5187
HUDDERSFIELD T	2440	3335	1.3668	NOTTM F	3028	4606	1.5211
BOURNEMOUTH	2174	2975	1.3684	ASTON VILLA	3124	4759	1.5234
BRIGHTON	2272	3134	1.3794	NOTTS CO	3174	4844	1.5261
PETERBOROUGH	874	1222	1.3982	MANCHESTER C	3014	4601	1.5265
ARSENAL	2992	4185	1.3987	WBA	3116	4769	1.5305
HULL C	2644	3733	1.4119	SHEFFIELD U	3058	4685	1.5320
LEEDS U	2564	3622	1.4128	BURNLEY	3116	4774	1.5321
BRISTOL C	2782	3975	1.4288	CHESTER	1834	2811	1.5327
Q.P.R.	2244	3209	1.4300	BURY	3024	4651	1.5380
READING	2300	3297	1.4335	BRISTOL R	2244	3455	1.5397
MANCHESTER U	3024	4336	1.4339	EXETER C	2297	3546	1.5438
WATFORD	2288	3283	1.4349	DERBY CO	3124	4828	1.5455
BRENTFORD	2284	3286	1.4387	CARDIFF C	2188	3389	1.5489
PLYMOUTH	2240	3224	1.4393	TRANMERE R	2246	3480	1.5494
CHESTERFIELD	2600	3745	1.4404	MIDDLESBROUGH	2814	4366	1.5515
TOTTENHAM	2492	3599	1.4442	YORK C	1910	2972	1.5560
PRESTON	3136	4531	1.4448	ALDRSHOT	1794	2803	1.5624
SCUNTHORPE	1309	1892	1.4454	BARNLEY	2932	4586	1.5641
CRYSTAL P	2252	3257	1.4463	MANSFIELD T	1832	2866	1.5644
IPSWICH T	1452	2121	1.4607	PORTSMOUTH	2200	3444	1.5655
BRADFORD	2788	4091	1.4674	DONCASTER R	2240	3510	1.5670
SOUTHAMPTON	2212	3250	1.4693	WOLVES	3116	4884	1.5674
NEWCASTLE U	2992	4406	1.4726	SWANSEA C	2240	3514	1.5688
STOKE C	2828	4172	1.4752	GRIMSBY T	3060	4818	1.5745
SHREWSBURY T	1334	1970	1.4768	WEST HAM U	2226	3510	1.5768
ORIENT	2646	3911	1.4781	HALIFAX T	2248	3547	1.5778
EVERTON	3116	4622	1.4833	CARLISLE U	1912	3036	1.5879
STOCKPORT	2850	4234	1.4856	LEICESTER C	2964	4709	1.5887
BOLTON W	3124	4644	1.4866	TORQUAY U	2006	3189	1.5897
SOUTHEND U	2300	3420	1.4870	BLACKBURN R	3174	5084	1.6018
COVENTRY C	2274	3382	1.4872	CHARLTON A	2196	3567	1.6243
NORWICH C	2224	3312	1.4892	ROCHDALE	2246	3651	1.6256
SWINDON T	2272	3387	1.4908	ROTHERHAM	2360	3856	1.6339
SUNDERLAND	3072	4590	1.4941	WIGAN A	458	754	1.6463
WREXHAM	2242	3350	1.4942	WALSALL	2482	4088	1.6471
PORT VALE	2754	4117	1.4949	LINCOLN C	2966	4918	1.6581
LUTON T	2310	3460	1.4978	DARLINGTON	2246	3757	1.6728
FULHAM	2538	3807	1.5000	CREWE A	2356	4004	1.6995
CHELSEA	2606	3922	1.5050	HARTLEPOOL	2246	3834	1.7070
COLCHESTER U	1332	2005	1.5053	NEWPORT CO	2258	3940	1.7449

The Points Scorers. An analysis of points averaged by clubs since they joined the Football League.

CLUB	Games Played	Points	Average Per Game	CLUB	Games Played	Points	Average Per Game
LIVERPOOL	2992	3417	1.1420	TRANMERE R	2246	2246	1.0000
WIMBLEDON	92	105	1.1413	BLACKBURN R	3174	3174	1.0000
MANCHESTER U	3024	3359	1.1108	BRISTOL R	2244	2242	0.9991
ARSENAL	2992	3295	1.1013	BIRMINGHAM	3014	3011	0.9990
TOTTENHAM	2492	2712	1.0883	SOUTHEND U	2300	2296	0.9983
ASTON VILLA	3124	3387	1.0842	WEST HAM U	2226	2215	0.9951
BRIGHTON	2272	2455	1.0805	HEREFORD U	318	316	0.9937
CAMBRIDGE U	410	443	1.0805	SHREWSBURY T	1334	1324	0.9925
SUNDERLAND	3072	3312	1.0781	SWANSEA C	2240	2222	0.9920
EVERTON	3116	3355	1.0767	OLDHAM A	2620	2598	0.9916
MANCHESTER C	3014	3219	1.0680	GRIMSBY T	3060	3034	0.9915
PETERBOROUGH	574	932	1.0664	FULHAM	2538	2516	0.9913
LEEDS U	2564	2734	1.0663	BLACKPOOL	2874	2837	0.9871
IPSWICH T	1452	1538	1.0592	NOTTS C	3174	3129	0.9858
MILLWALL	2250	2377	1.0564	COLCHESTER U	1332	1313	0.9857
READING	2300	2423	1.0535	CHARLTON A	2196	2159	0.9832
NEWCASTLE U	2992	3138	1.0488	CARLISLE U	1912	1877	0.9817
WOLVES	3116	3261	1.0465	DONCASTER R	2240	2197	0.9808
Q.P.R.	2244	2348	1.0463	BRADFORD	2785	2734	0.9806
PLYMOUTH	2240	2343	1.0460	CARDIFF C	2188	2145	0.9803
WBA	3116	3250	1.0430	PORTSMOUTH	2200	2154	0.9791
DERBY C	3124	3245	1.0387	STOKE C	2828	2768	0.9788
SOUTHAMPTON T	2212	2292	1.0362	STOCKPORT C	2850	2788	0.9782
SHEFFIELD U	3058	3161	1.0337	BURY	3024	2955	0.9772
HUDDERSFIELD T	2440	2522	1.0336	ROTHERHAM	2360	2305	0.9767
HULL C	2644	2732	1.0333	NOTTM F	3028	2951	0.9746
PRESTON	3136	3231	1.0303	TORQUAY U	2006	1955	0.9746
BRISTOL C	2782	2864	1.0295	CHESTER	1834	1784	0.9727
LUTON T	2310	2375	1.0281	BARNLEY	2932	2840	0.9686
BURNLEY	3116	3203	1.0279	SCUNTHORPE	1309	1265	0.9664
BOLTON W	3124	3202	1.0250	PORT VALE	2754	2654	0.9637
SHEFFIELD W	3040	3110	1.0230	OXFORD U	750	722	0.9627
NORTHAMPTON T	2284	2332	1.0210	WIGAN	458	439	0.9585
WREXHAM	2242	2267	1.0201	YORK C	1910	1817	0.9513
BRENTFORD	2284	2328	1.0193	LINCOLN C	2966	2818	0.9501
CHELSEA	2606	2648	1.0161	GILLINGHAM	2088	1977	0.9468
CHESTERFIELD	2600	2637	1.0142	EXETER C	2297	2167	0.9434
BOURNEMOUTH	2174	2204	1.0138	ALDRSHOT	1794	1685	0.9392
CRYSTAL P	2252	2277	1.0111	WALSALL	2482	2292	0.9234
WATFORD	2288	2309	1.0092	DARLINGTON	2246	2070	0.9216
MANSFIELD	1832	1846	1.0076	ORIENT	2646	2432	0.9191
MIDDLESBROUGH	2814	2835	1.0075	ROCHDALE	2246	2063	0.9185
COVENTRY C	2274	2283	1.0040	HALIFAX T	2248	2060	0.9164
SWINDON T	2272	2279	1.0031	CREWE A	2356	2136	0.9066
NORWICH C	2224	2229	1.0022	NEWPORT C	2258	2024	0.8964
LEICESTER C	2964	2969	1.0017	HARTLEPOOL	2246	1991	0.8865

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THIRD DIVISION (continued)

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Waddle 3)
SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Parker 2) 15,341
Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Phillips, Stevenson, Charles, Attley (Toshack), James, Curtis, Waddle, Callaghan.
Southend: Horn; Stead, Yates, Hadley, Moody, Cusack, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Otulakowski.

WATFORD (1) 2 (Joslyn, Mercer)
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Trusson, Megson) 14,816
Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Harrison, Joslyn, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Blissett, Jenkins, Mercer, Train.
Plymouth: Hodge; McNeil, James, Hodges, Uzzell, Bason, Graves (Binney), Megson, Trusson, Ford, Harrison.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (0) 0
ROCHDALE (2) 3 (Owen 2, Hoy) 12,051
Barnley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Speedie, Riley, Graham (Prendergast), Little, Bell.
Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Oliver, Bannon, Taylor, Snookes, Hoy, O'Loughlin, Jones, Owen, Esser.

BRADFORD C (3) 6 (McNiven 3, Baines 2, Martinez)
CREWE (0) 0 2,109
Bradford C: Downsbrough; Podd, Wood (Szabo), Jackson, Baines, Watson, Martinez, Dolan, Johnson, McNiven, Hutchins.
Crewe: Rafferty; Hughes, Dulson, Nicholls, Bowles, Bevan, Robertson, Cheetham, Wilshaw, Coyne, Davies.

DONCASTER (1) 1 (French)
ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (Tomlin) 1,539
Doncaster: Peacock; Lally (Snodin), Flanagan, Laidlaw, Cannell, Bradley, Pugh, Cox, Lewis, French, Bentley.
Aldershot: Johnson; Scott, Howitt, Dixon, Youliden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, Tomlin.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Robins, Fletcher pen.)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 2,895
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Hanvey, Sutton, Gray, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Fletcher.
Portsmouth: Mellor; Denyer, Viney (Hand), McIlwraith, Ellis, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Showers, Bryant.

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Oakes)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Waters) 3,049
Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bruton, Vaughan, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.
Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Lester, Cumming.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Robertson, McCaffrey)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Gould) 2,001
Northampton: Poole; Geidmintis, Mead, Walker, Saunders, Robertson, Farrington, Williams, Ashenden (Liddle), McCaffrey, Froggatt.
Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Thomas, Strong, Layton, Spiring, Feeley, Stephens, McGrellis, Gould, White.

READING (1) 1 (Hetzke)
HALIFAX (0) 0 7,408
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander (Kearns), Hetzke, Earles, Shipley, Sanchez.
Halifax: Kilner; Hutt, Dunleavy, Smith, Burke, Trainer, Firth, Kennedy, Campbell, Loska (Stafford), Carroll.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Kilmore pen, Earl)
TORQUAY (1) 2 (Davies, Cox) 1,426
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Peacock, Czuczman, Oates, Deere, Hall, Grimes, Kilmore, Earl, Kavanagh, Couch.
Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Green, Payne, Dunne, Wilson, Murphy, Cooper, Cox (Lawrence), Davies.

WIGAN (2) 2 (Moore, Brownbill)
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Seal, Walsh) 6,153
Wigan: Brown; Curtis, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Smart, Corrigan, Wright (Crompton), Brownbill, Moore, Purdie.

Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hedley, Craig, Hague, Stone, Wann, Ferguson, Seal, Walsh.

WIMBLEDON (0) 3 (Cunningham, Smith T, o.g., Galliers)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen) 3,546
Wimbledon: Goddard; Haverson, Ketteridge, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Briley, Knowles, Cork, Parson (Bryant).
Hartlepool: Watson; Smith (T), Gorry, Smith (G), Goldthorpe, Ayre, Linacre, Hogan, Houchen, Harding, Loadwick.

YORK (2) 2 (McDonald, Staniforth)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Scott) 2,171
York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Stronach, Loggie (Randall), McDonald, Staniforth.
Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Holder, Borthwick, MacDougall, Scott, Brown (K), Johnson (Ferns).

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Archibald)
ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (Torrance, Stark) 12,000
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Hamilton, McLeish, Garner, Miller, McGhee, Archibald, Sullivan, Strachan, McMaster (Harper).
St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro (Docherty), Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Stark, Weir (Richardson), McGarvey, Abercrombie, Torrance.

CELTIC (0) 2 (Doyle, Lynch pen.)
DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Dodds) 37,000
Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson, MacLeod, Provan, Conroy, McCluskey, Burns, Doyle.
Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Addison, Sturrock (Payne), Dodds, Holt, Kirkwood (Kopel).

HIBS (0) 1 (Callaghan)
PARTICK (0) 0 5,500
Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, MacLeod, Campbell, Callaghan, Brown.
Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, McAdam, Houston, Gibson, O'Hara, Somner (Melrose), Love (Doyle).

MOTHERWELL (0) 3 (Irvine 2, Stevens)
MORTON (2) 3 (Thomson 2, Ritchie) 3,546
Motherwell: Rennie; McLeod, Wark, Smith, Mackin (Donnelly), Stevens, Larnach, Pettigrew, Clinging, Irvine, Carberry.
Morton: Baines; Miller, Holmes, Evans, McLaren, Rooney, Russell, McNeill (Scott), Thomson, Tolmie, Ritchie.

RANGERS (3) 4 (Russell 3, Parlane)
HEARTS (0) 0 25,000
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean (McKay), Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper.
Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Black, Fraser, Liddell, Tierney, Gibson (Stewart), Brown, Scott, Craig, McQuade.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

FIRST DIVISION

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Boyer)
MAN. UTD. (1) 1 (Ritchie) 21,616
Southampton: Wells; Williams (O), Peach, Williams (S), Andruszewski, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Baker.
Man. Utd: Bailey; Albiston, Houston, Sloan, McQueen, Moran, Coppell, Paterson, Ritchie, Macari, Grimes.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Richards)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 23,613
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Brazier, Hibbitt, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Carr.
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Bowyer, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Hare, Francis, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Parker)
WALSALL (0) 0 2,887
Southend: Horn; Stead, Yates, Dudley, Cusack, Walker (Polycarpou), Morris, Pountney, Parker, Hadley, Otulakowski.
Walsall: Turner; Macken, Caswell, King (Kelly), Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Paul, Syrett, McDonough, Rees.



Pat Jennings kept goal for Northern Ireland against Bulgaria in the European Championship.

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Kerr)
MANSFIELD (2) 2 (Saxby, G, Carter) 1,121
Tranmere: Johnson; Eaton, Mathias, Parry, Postlewhite, Evans, Griffiths, Bramhall, Kerr, Thomas (Craven), McAuley.
Mansfield: New; Dawkins, Foster (B), Curtis, Saxby (M), Bird, Allen, Carter, Austin, Martin, Saxby (G).

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Little)
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Ferguson) 10,974
Barnley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke (Riley), Graham, Miller, Bell.
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Storie, Hedley, Craig, Seal, Lyons, Wann, Hague, Ferguson, Walsh.

BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Johnson)
DONCASTER (0) 0 2,189
Bradford: Smith; Podd, Watson, Reaney, Jackson (P), Dolan, Martinez, Johnson, Baines, McNiven, Hutchins.
Doncaster: Peacock; Lally, Flanagan, Laidlaw, Bradley, Cannell, Meagan, Lewis, French, Bentley, Snodin.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Hart)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Cooper) 1,624
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Topping, Fletcher, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Gray.
Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Green, Payne, Dunne, Davies, Murphy, Cooper, Lawrence, Wilson.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

FIRST DIVISION

BOLTON (0) 1 (Souness o.g.)
LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (Johnson, Kennedy (R) 2, Dalglish) 35,200
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Allardyce, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, McNab, Worthington, Graham.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

EVERTON (0) 0
W.B.A. (1) 2 (Mills, Robson) 30,038
Everton: Wood; Barton, Jones, Lyons, Higgins, Wright, King, Dobson, Latchford, Kidd, Eastoe.
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Mills.

MAN. CITY (1) 3 (Deyna 2, Power)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Lynex) 27,366
Man. C: Corrigan; Reid, Donachie, Henry, Watson, Bell, Channon, Owen, Silkman, Deyna, Power.
Birmingham: Freeman; Calderwood, Howard, Van Den Hauwe, Gallagher, Dillon, Ainscow, Buckley (Broadhurst), Ivey, Barrowclough, Lynex.

SECOND DIVISION

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Mair)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Giles) 4,374
Notts Co: McManus; Richards, Wood, (Mann), Blockley, Stubbs, Mair, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Sutton, Dwyer, Cegielski, Roberts, Giles, Shinton (Williams), Cartwright, McNeil, Buxton, Fox.

Postponed: Millwall v Preston

THIRD DIVISION

BURY 0
SHEFF. WED. 0 3,424
Bury: Forrest; Rison, Constantine, Lugg, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.
Sheff. W: Bolder; Shirliff, Grant, Mullen, Pickering, Rushbury, Wyld, Porterfield, Curran, Lowey, Hornsby.

HULL (0) 2 (Horswill, Edwards)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Binney) 3,646
Hull: Wealds; Nisbet, Skipper, Hawker (Dobson), McDonald, Hood, Roberts, Horswill, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.
Plymouth: Hodge; McNeil, Hodges, James, Uzzell, Trusson, Johnson, Megson, Binney, Harrison, Ford.

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Finney)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Guy) 2,162
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Finnay, Phillips, Young, Carr, Smith.
Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Collins, Chard, Smith (Guy), Ross, Gynn, Sharkey, Cooke, Robson, Cliss.

Postponed: Watford v. Chester, Swindon v. Oxford.

FOURTH DIVISION

NEWPORT (0) 2 (Tynan, Vaughan)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 2,235
Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Brutch, Vaughan, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.
Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Brown (R), Holder, Borthwick, MacDougall, Scott (Massey), Miller, Brown (K).

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Hawkins)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Gould) 2,160
Port Vale: Dance; Beech, Griffiths, Healy, Delgado, Hawkins, Chamberlain (N), Farrell, Wright, Todd, Chamberlain (M), Sproson.
Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Thomas, Hunt, Layton, Holmes (K), Feeley, Stephens, McGrellis, Gould, White.

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Esser, Hoy)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,117
Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Snookes, Oliver, Bannon, Taylor, Hoy, Esser, Jones, O'Loughlin, Owen.
Stockport: Lawson; Halford, Edwards, Thorpe, Rutter, Henson, Armstrong (Prudham), Summerbee, Bradd, Lee, Smith.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
WIGAN (0) 1 (Gore) 1,582
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Peacock, Czuczman, Oates, Deere, Earl, Grimes, Kilmore, Couch, Kavanagh, Gibson (Hall).
Wigan: Brown; Curtis, Hinnigan, Gore, Davids, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Brownbill, Moore, Purdie.

YORK (0) 1 (Ford)
CREWE (0) 0 2,009
York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Stronach, Randall (Loggie), McDonald, Staniforth.
Crewe: Caswell; Wilkinson, Dulson, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Robertson, Cheetham, Davies, Coyne, Roberts.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

N. IRELAND (2) 2 (Nicholl C., Armstrong)
BULGARIA (0) 0 18,700
N. Ireland: Jennings (Arsenal); Hamilton (Swindon), Nicholl (J) (Man. Utd), (sub: Moreland (Derby)), Nicholl (C) (Southampton), Nelson (Arsenal), McCreery (Man. Utd), O'Neill (Nottm. Forest), McRoy (Man. Utd), Armstrong (Tottenham), Caskey (Derby) (sub: Spence (Blackpool)), Cochrane (Middlesbrough).
Bulgaria: Stojanov; Vassilev, Ivkov, Bonev, Kolev, Rainov, Zdravkov (Iliev), Sredkov, Panov, Zvetkov.

EIRE (1) 2 (Daly, Givens)
DENMARK (0) 0 26,000
Eire: Peyton (Fulham); Gregg (Bohemians), Martin (Newcastle), Mulligan (W.B.A.), Holmes (Tottenham), Daly (Derby), Giles (Shamrock R), Brady (Arsenal), Givens (Birmingham), (sub: McGee (Q.P.R.)), Stapleton (Arsenal), Hayes (Southampton), (sub: Walsh (Q.P.R.)).

Denmark: Kjaer; Nielsen (F), Rontved, Larsen, Lerby, Olsen, Arnsen, Lund, Simonsen, Nielsen (B), Elkjar.

WALES(0) 0
WEST GERMANY (1) 2 (Zimmermann, Fischer) 29,500
 Wales: Davies (Wrexham); Page (Birmingham), Jones (Wrexham), Mahoney (Middlesbrough), Phillips (Swansea), Berry (Wolves), Harris (Leeds), Thomas (Man Utd), Yorath (Coventry) (sub: James (Swansea)), Edwards (Chester) (sub: Toshack (Swansea)); Curtis (Swansea).
 West Germany: Maier; Kaltz, Stielike (Martin), Forster, Dietz, Bonhof, Cullmann, Fischer, Rummenigge, Allofs.

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Swain, Deehan)
IPSWICH (1) 2 (Muhren) 26,636
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Gregory, Evans, Mortimer, Cowans, Shelton, Deehan, Croyley, Swain.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Brazil, Gates, Woods.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 1 (Francis)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 28,388
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis, Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Peach, Williams (S), Baker, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Williams (O).

SECOND DIVISION

NEWCASTLE (2) 3 (Withe, Shoulder, Bird)
BRISTOL R (0) 9,625
 Newcastle: Carr; Natrass, Mitchell (Nicholson), Manners, Barton, Bird, Shoulder, Suggett, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Harding, Taylor, Stanforth, Petts, Williams, White, Mabbutt, Emmanuel.

SHEFF UTD (0) 0
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Round) 16,012
 Sheff U: Conroy; Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy, Garner, Speight, Anderson, Guy, Finnieston, Sabella (Matthews), Hamson.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Rathbone, Bailey, Coughlin, Round, Fazackerley, Brotherston, McKenzie, Craig, Fowler, Aston.

THIRD DIVISION

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Hartford)
SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (King, Maguire) 1,677
 Lincoln: Grotier; Hughes, Laybourne, Cockerill, Cross, Cooper, Hobson, Ward, Sunley (Guest), Harford, Watson.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Birch, Biggins, Tong, Maguire, Lindsay.

SWINDON (1) 2 (Bates, Carter)
OXFORD (0) 0 8,849
 Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter (Williams), Rowland, Mayes, Bates.
 Oxford: Milkins; Taylor, Fogg, McIntosh, Bodel, Duncan, Graydon, Jeffrey, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson.

WATFORD (1) 1 (Downes)
CHESTER (0) 0 12,167
 Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Blissett, Mercer, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.
 Chester: Lloyd; Niekas, Burns, Storton, Raynor, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Mellor, Phillips (Walker), Henderson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (McNiven)
HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Ayre, Harding) 1,950
 Bradford C: Smith; Podd, Watson, Johnson, Jackson (P), Wood, Martinez, Dolan, Baines, McNiven, Hutchins.
 Hartlepool: Watson; Smith (T), Gorry, Goldthorpe, Brooks, Ayre, Linacres, Smith (G), Houchen, Harding (Lawrence), Loadwick.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Robins)
BARNLEY (0) 0 9,382
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Branagan, Fletcher, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Gray.
 Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Riley, Graham, Millar, Bell.

READING (1) 1 (Alexander)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 13,131

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Alexander, Hetzke, Shipley, Sanchez.
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Donaldson, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Briley, Knowles (Ketteridge), Cork, Parsons.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (2) 5 (McGhee 2, Strachan, Scanlon, Sullivan)
HEARTS (0) 0 6,000
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Hamilton, Strachan, Garner, Miller, McGhee, Archibald, Sullivan, Jarvie, Scanlon.
 Hearts: Allan; Brown, Black, Fraser, Liddell, Moore, Gibson, Tierney (Jeffries), Stewart, Craig (Scott), McQuade.

CELTIC (1) 3 (Conroy, Provan, McGrain)
HIBS (0) 1 (Callaghan) 23,000
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, McLeod, Aitken, Edvaldsson, Conroy, Provan, Davidson, McCluskey, Burns, Doyle.
 Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, McLeod, Campbell, Callaghan, Brown.

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Irving)
RANGERS (0) 2 (Smith, Jackson) 13,052
 Motherwell: Rennie; McLeod, Wark, Carberry, Smith, Stevens, Larnach, Pettigrew, Clinging, Irvine, Donnelly.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper.

ST. MIRREN (1) 1 (McGarvey)
PARTICK (1) 1 (O'Hara) 5,000
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Torrance.
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Doyle, Houston, Melrose, McAdam, O'Hara, Love.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

FIRST DIVISION

LEEDS (1) 4 (Graham, Cherry, Hankin 2)
Q.P.R. (2) 3 (Walsh, Roeder, Busby) 20,121
 Leeds: Harvey; Hird, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Harris, Cherry, Hankin, Currie, Graham (Hawley).
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Roeder, Busby, Francis, Walsh, Goddard (Eisey), Allen.

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (1) 4 (Foley, Allinson, Dowman 2)
PETERBOROUGH (2) 2 (Guy, Cooke) 2,692
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Dowman, Wignall, Foley, Rowles, Geugh, Dyer (Packer), Lee, Allinson.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Gynn, Collins, Chard, Carmichael, Ross, Sharkey, McLennan, Cooke, Robson, Guy.

SOUTHEND (0) 0
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Thomas) 3,607
 Southend: Horn; Stead, Yates, Dudley, Cusack, Walker, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Hadley (Polycarpou), Otulakowski.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewhite, Bramhall, Peplow, Craven, Thomas, Evans, Griffiths (Whittingham).



John Deehan scored one of Aston Villa's goals in their 2-2 draw against Ipswich Town.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM 0
ARSENAL 0 14,015
 Birmingham: Freeman; Calderwood, Dennis, Van Den Houwe, Gallagher, Howard, Ainscow, Ivey, Givens, Barrowclough (Buckley), Dillon.
 Arsenal: Barron (Price); Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price (Walford), Rix.

BOLTON 0
ASTON VILLA 0 17,394
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Burke, Greaves, Allardyce, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, McNab, Worthington, Graham.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Gregory, McNaught, Mortimer, Cowans, Evans, Deehan, Croyley, Swain.

CHELSEA (2) 2 (Langley 2)
IPSWICH (3) 3 (Brazil 2, Woods) 15,462
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Harris, Bannon, Droy, Chivers, Stanley, Wilkins (R), Osgood, Langley, Fillery (Frost).
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Brazil, Gates (Lambert), Woods.

COVENTRY (2) 3 (Bannister, Powell 2, 1 pen)
WOLVES (0) 0 21,825
 Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Blair, Dyson, Coop, Nardiello (Gooding), Powell, Hateley, Bannister, Hutchison.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parking, Daniel (Hazell), McAlle, Brazier, Hibbitt, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Carr.

DERBY (0) 0
MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Cochrane, Proctor, Jankovic) 18,151
 Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Wicks, Moreland, Emson, Clark, Bartlett, Duncan, Caskey (Greenwood).
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Jankovic, Hodgson, Armstrong.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Neal 2)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 46,687
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.
 Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Peach, Baker, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Hayes.

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Deyna, Hartford)
BRISTOL C. (0) 0 29,739
 Man. C: Corrigan; Reid, Donachie, Henry, Watson, Bell, Channon, Deyna, Silkman, Hartford, Power.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt (Mann), Meijer.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Reeves)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 1 (Woodcock) 17,651
 Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Davies, McGuire, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis, Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Ardiles)
EVERTON (1) 1 (Kidd) 26,077
 Tottenham: Aleksic; Lee, McAllister, Miller, Holmes, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Jones, Hoddie, Villa.
 Everton: Wood; Barton, Jones, Todd, Higgins, Wright, King, Dobson, Latchford, Kidd, Eastoe.

W.B.A. (1) 1 (Regis)
MAN. UTD (0) 0 27,862
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T) (Cunningham), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Mills.
 Man. U: Bailey; Albiston, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Greenhoff (B), Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, Thomas (Grimes).

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (McKenzie)
WEST HAM (0) 0 7,585
 Blackburn: Butcher; Rathbone, Bailey, Garner, Round, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Fowler, Craig, McKenzie, Aston.
 West Ham: Parkes; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Taylor (T), Holland, Devonshire, Cross, McDowell (Taylor (A)), Robson.

BRISTOL R (0) 0
PRESTON (1) 1 (Baxter) 5,814
 Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Prince, Petts, Williams (Shaw), White, Mabbutt, Emmanuel.

Preston: Tunks; Taylor (Elliott), Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Potts, Bruce.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Spriggs)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 0 7,255
 Cambridge: Webster; Graham, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Cozens, Garner, Spriggs, Christie (O'Neill), Finney, Biley.
 Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, Anderson (Flood), Speight, Guy, Finnieston, Hamson.

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Sullivan)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Kindon) 10,270
 Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Roberts, Dwyer, Buchanan, Bishop (Grapes), Evans, Moore, Stevens.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Morley, Kindon, James.

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Robinson 2)
OLDHAM (0) 0 6,891
 Charlton: Johns; Shaw, Campbell, Tyde-man, Berry, Madden, Powell, Hales, Gritt (Brisley), Robinson, Churchouse.
 Oldham: McDonald; Wood, Edwards, Blair, Hicks, Hurst, Keegan, Hilton, Young, Stainrod, Chapman.

LEICESTER 0
MILLWALL 0 12,828
 Leicester: Wallington; Goodwin, Carr, Welsh, O'Neill, Duffy (Ridley), Peake, Lineker, Henderson, Buchanan, Lee.
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Chambers, Kitchener, Blyth, Chatterton, Seasman (Tagg), O'Callaghan, Walker, Towner.

LUTON (1) 2 (Beck o.g., West)
FULHAM (0) 0 9,122
 Luton: Fndlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Phillipson-Masters, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.
 Fulham: Digweed; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen, Hatter.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Shoulder)
BRIGHTON (3) 3 (Horton, Ward, Ryan) 28,425
 Newcastle: Carr; Natrass, Mitchell (Nicholson), Manners, Barton, Bird, Shoulder, Martin, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Clark, Ryan (Poskett), Ward, Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.

NOTTS CO (0) 0
STOKE (0) 1 (Richardson) 21,571
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mair, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Mann, Vinter.
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

ORIENT (0) 0
C. PALACE (0) 1 (Swindlehurst) 19,946
 Orient: Jackson; Hughton, Fisher, Greulich, Gray (N), Went, Chiedoie, Moores, Mayo, Whittle, Coates.
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Fenwick, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Hilaire.

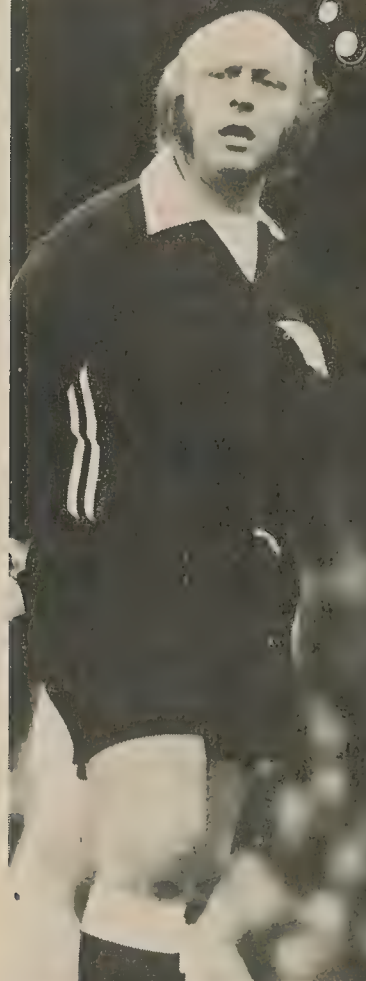
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Jones)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Rostron, Brown) 19,133
 Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Dwyer, Jones, Roberts, Giles, Williams, Sutton, McNeil, Buxton, Fox.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Whitworth, Bolton, Docherty, Ashurst, Elliott, Arnott, Buckley, Brown, Rostron, Lee (Entwistle).

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (McCulloch) 3,464
 Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Suddaby, Ronson, Thompson, McEwan, Hockaday, Kellow, Spence, Gardner, Weston (Jones).
 Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Tucker, Salman, Kruse, McNichol, Carlton, Fraser, Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.

CARLISLE (0) 0
OXFORD (0) 1 (Graydon) 3,811
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Ludlam, Hamilton.
 Oxford: Milkins; Fogg, Watson, McIntosh, Bodel, Duncan, Graydon (White), Jeffrey, Foley, Seacole, Taylor.

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MR. PICKWICK

BOWS OUT WITH ONE BIG REGRET

THE retirement of Leicester referee Roger Kirkpatrick at the end of the season drew the curtain down on one of football's greatest fans.

Kirkpatrick, recognised throughout the football world for his Dickensian looks which were likened to 'Mr. Pickwick', retired from refereeing duties at the end of last season. And unlike so many of his predecessors, Kirkpatrick bowed out at 47 without complaint.

"I don't happen to believe that we should be allowed to go on past 47," he said. "In fact, I am of the opinion we ought to be retired a little earlier, perhaps at 45. Football, to my way of thinking, is a young man's game and a man of 47 can hardly be termed young."

Kirkpatrick, a popular figure on English League grounds, treasures memories of many years refereeing in top class football.

"Yes, I had some disappointments, but not many," he says.

"I was sorry to leave without ever having visited Wembley

Stadium. I always said I'd never beg for a ticket to go and watch a match there, and I didn't. And I also said I'd never go there unless I was asked to referee. Sadly, that never happened and I suppose it has got to be one of the biggest disappointments I had.

"But no one should think I left the game disillusioned. Nothing could be further from the truth. I regarded it as a great pleasure and a privilege to have refereed matches at the highest level in English football."

How did Kirkpatrick get the nickname, 'Mr. Pickwick'? Obviously, the long sideboards and bald top helped — but it was a journalist who dubbed him as such.

"The journalist was a great friend of mine and we always had good times together," said Kirkpatrick. "I didn't mind the name and the tag seemed to stick. The journalist always sent me a Christmas card with Mr. Pickwick on the front!"

Kirkpatrick refereed in various

grades of football over the last 31 years, a remarkable service to the game. But he says: "I am grateful to football for all it has given me and all the friends I have met through it. I would like to feel players have been my friends over the years; I have given them respect and they have returned it."

"When I first came on to the League list in 1964, I was accused of being dramatic and too histrionic. The chief complaint against me was the way I ran backwards at speed."

"I felt that perhaps I had made a point when the League sent out instructions to the referees a few seasons back, saying they should run backwards as much as possible to get a good view of the game. That was the only reason I'd ever done in in the first place; it was the natural thing to do."

"But no one else did it before I came on to the League refereeing list. Why? I do not know. It seems to me as natural as any other simple thing."

Kirkpatrick says he is distressed the game has been tarnished by the publicity attached to hooliganism. "It is, without doubt, the most marvellous game in the world and yet all this hooliganism has been allowed to infiltrate the game. It has nothing to do with football, really; that is what is so absurd."

So Kirkpatrick bows out and maybe League grounds will not seem quite the same again. For whatever the merits of Mr. Pickwick's antics, Roger Kirkpatrick was always, above all else, a very good referee.

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Tartan Talk DEREK JOHNSTONE

JUST over 30,000 fans bothered to turn up for our second Scottish Cup Final replay against Hibs at Hampden last month.

I realise it was the Monday after that hectic Wembley weekend and I know it was raining most of the night, but I've got a message for the stay-aways: you missed one of the finest games of the season!

We won 3-2, of course, in extra-time, but the record books will never be able to catalogue all that went into this game. It took us 5½ hours to win that trophy and at the end of the night it was well worth it. Ironically, it was an own-goal by the unfortunate Arthur Duncan that gave us the trophy.

I've a word of consolation for Arthur, though. If he hadn't got his head to Davie Cooper's left-wing cross I was right behind him and so, too, was Derek Parlane. One of us was bound to score.

Let's go back to the first game, though. It ended in a goalless draw in front of over 50,000 fans. Again it was a wet and windy day with the elements against good football.

There are three things that stick out in my mind from that match.

Hibs' keeper Jim McArthur had a brilliant tip-over save from a raging effort by Alex Miller and then Derek Parlane headed against the crossbar later on. The third memory is a wonderful diving save from our own Peter McCloy minutes from the end as young Colin Campbell hammered in a low shot.

The first replay was again played in stamina-sapping conditions on rain-lashed Hampden. The crowd was just over 35,000 and admittedly the game was dull. Neither team got on top and the nearest we got to a goal was a great effort from Davie Cooper in the first-half that hit the crossbar.

We played extra-time, but still

there wasn't a goal between the two sides. A replay date had to be found and, unfortunately, it had to be the Monday after Wembley. That wrecked my plans, I can tell you!

If I'm not playing for Scotland I like to support them and I had made arrangements to go to Wembley. I think that match is extra special. However, those arrangements had to be scrapped and I watched the game on the television at home.

On Monday night the heavens opened up again! The Final seemed ill-fated right from the start! Anyway, although it had been a long, hard, gruelling season for both ourselves and Hibs we managed to put on an entertaining game.

We got a shock early on when Tony Higgins put Hibs ahead, but yours truly equalised to send our fans into a singing mood. And they were really in good voice when I knocked in the second.

That really should have been the end of the game, but all credit to Hibs. They fought back well. They refused to surrender and near the end of full-time they were awarded a penalty and Ally MacLeod thumped it past Peter McCloy.

The great inseparables then went into yet another bout of extra-time — and it was one of the most chaotic, hectic half-hours I have

ever spent on a football field!

It was our turn to get a penalty when one of our players was floored inside the box and Alex Miller, who rarely misses, stepped up to fire in a rocket-like effort to Jim McArthur's right. You could imagine our dejection when we saw the Easter Road 'keeper throw himself to the right to fist the ball away.

Minutes later Gordon Smith had the ball in the net, but the referee ruled it out. And then came the winning goal when Davie Cooper hammered over a left-wing cross and Arthur Duncan, trying to head clear, could only send the ball into his own net.

What a game! There's not much wrong with Scottish football when the fans can see a game like this in such atrocious conditions. I must say I felt sorry for the Hibs players. They gave everything yet still couldn't lift the Cup.

Well, that's the end of another season. We won the Scottish Cup and the League Cup and were second in the League as well as reaching the European Cup Quarter-Finals. That may satisfy some teams, but not Rangers.

We always want to win EVERYTHING . . . and next season we will be going out to do just that.

Derek Johnstone

'Our hectic half-hour at Hampden'

Captain Derek Johnstone (below) parades the Scottish Cup to the Rangers fans. Hibs goalkeeper Peter McCloy (right) stops a Hibs attack during the second replay.



**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
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FOCUS ON

DAVIE PROVAN

Celtic

FULL NAME: David Alexander Provan
BIRTHPLACE: Gourrock
BIRTHDATE: 8th May, 1956
HEIGHT: 5ft 8ins
WEIGHT: 11st
PREVIOUS CLUB: Kilmarnock
MARRIED: No
CAR: Audi 80
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Italy and Lanerossi striker Paolo Rossi
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Former club, Kilmarnock
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Team-mate Andy Lynch in training
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Playing for the Scottish League v. Italian B team, in Verona last season.
BIGGEST THRILL: Signing for Celtic
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Rangers in last season's Scottish League Cup Semi-Finals
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Lying in on Sunday mornings and playing snooker
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Traffic jams and shaving
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Fawlty Towers and Monty Python's Flying Circus
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Rod Stewart and Joan Armatrading
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman and Katherine Ross
BEST FRIEND: My bank manager
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Many people have helped my career
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Over officious referees
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scottish League and Under-21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be a success in everything I do
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win every honour with Celtic
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? No idea
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali

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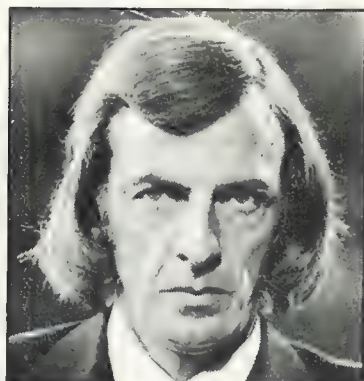
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ARGENTINA EVEN BETTER NOW



ANYONE who doubted that Argentina were a truly great side — and while I thought they deserved to win the World Cup, I had certain misgivings — should have seen César Menotti's side on their recent European tour (action from the match against Holland on page 11).

I caught up with them at Hampden Park, where they played a brand of football we shall struggle to achieve in Britain. It was no disgrace for Scotland to be very much second-best to such a superb team. If anything, they looked even better than last year and in Diego Maradona they have a starlet who is even better than everything you've read about him.

This kid, just 18, did things I haven't seen since Pelé was at his peak and the usually partisan Scots fans gave Maradona and Argentina the rare compliment of chanting for the opposition at Hampden.

Since Menotti (left) took over five years ago, Argentina have won 31, drawn 13 and lost 12 of their games. Here is the record of the World Champions under Menotti:

Date	Place	Result
12.10.74	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 Spain 1
6.11.74	Santiago	Chile 0 Argentina 2
20.11.74	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 Chile 1
18. 7.75	Montevideo	Uruguay 2 Argentina 3
3. 8.75	Caracas	Venezuela 1 Argentina 5
6. 8.75	B. Horizonte	Brazil 2 Argentina 1
10. 8.75	Rosario	Argentina 11 Venezuela 0
16. 8.75	Rosario	Argentina 0 Brazil 1
25. 2.76	Asunción	Paraguay 2 Argentina 3
27. 2.76	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 Brazil 2
20. 3.76	Kiev	U.S.S.R. 0 Argentina 1
24. 3.76	Chorzow	Poland 1 Argentina 2
27. 3.76	Budapest	Hungary 2 Argentina 0
30. 3.76	West Berlin	Hertha Berlin 2 Argentina 1
1. 4.76	Seville	Sevilla 0 Argentina 0
8. 4.76	Buenos Aires	Argentina 4 Uruguay 1
28. 4.76	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 Paraguay 2
19. 5.76	Rio Janeiro	Brazil 2 Argentina 0
9. 6.76	Montevideo	Uruguay 0 Argentina 3
13.10.76	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 Chile 0
23.10.76	Lima	Peru 1 Argentina 3
10.11.76	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 Peru 0
23.11.76	Buenos Aires	Argentina 0 U.S.S.R. 0
27. 2.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 5 Hungary 1
22. 3.77	Madrid	Argentina 1 Iran 1
24. 3.77	Madrid	Real Madrid 1 Argentina 0
28. 5.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 3 Poland 1
5. 6.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 West Germany 3
12. 6.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 England 1
18. 6.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 Scotland 1
26. 6.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 0 France 0
3. 7.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 1 Yugoslavia 0
12. 8.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 East Germany 0
24. 8.77	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 Paraguay 1
31. 8.77	Asunción	Paraguay 2 Argentina 0
4. 3.78	Mar del Plata	Argentina 0 Uruguay 0
10. 3.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 Peru 1
23. 3.78	Lima	Peru 1 Argentina 3
29. 3.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 3 Bulgaria 1
5. 4.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 Rumania 0
10. 4.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 3 League of Ireland 1
25. 4.78	Montevideo	Uruguay 2 Argentina 0
3. 5.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 3 Uruguay 0
3. 6.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 Hungary 1 (World Cup)
6. 6.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 France 1 (World Cup)
10. 6.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 0 Italy 1 (World Cup)
14. 6.78	Rosario	Argentina 2 Poland 0 (World Cup)
18. 6.78	Rosario	Argentina 0 Brazil 0 (World Cup)
21. 6.78	Rosario	Argentina 6 Peru 0 (World Cup)
25. 6.78	Buenos Aires	Argentina 3 Holland 1 (World Cup)
25. 4.79	Buenos Aires	Argentina 2 Bulgaria 1
22. 5.79	Berne	Argentina 0 Holland 0 (8-7 on pens)
26. 5.79	Rome	Italy 2 Argentina 2
29. 5.79	Dublin	Eire 0 Argentina 0
2. 6.79	Glasgow	Scotland 1 Argentina 3
6. 6.79	New York	Cosmos 0 Argentina 1

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FLAMENGO have won the Rio de Janeiro Championship, clinching the title with a 2-2 draw against Botafogo in the Maracana Stadium before 140,000 fans. Flamengo were the first unbeaten Champions since the Maracana was built in 1950, winning 37 and drawing the other seven of their 44 games. Zico scored a record 26 goals of a total of 51. Flamengo's coach is Cláudio Coutinho, Brazil's team manager.

DYNAMO Berlin are unbeaten in East Germany after 21 of their 26 League games. At the same time, their Under-21 team are top of the national Under-21 Championship which replaced their reserve League when U.E.F.A. introduced the international Under-21 competition.

REF WAS RIGHT

IN the Spanish League match between Español and Las Palmas, referee Guruceta accounted (indirectly) for all three goals. Las Palmas took the lead when he awarded a penalty; and Español clinched the two points with another spot-kick a few minutes before the end.

But in between there was a controversial incident when the ball ballooned off a Las Palmas defender's foot, over goalkeeper Carnevali and hit the inside of a post. The ball bounced down, along the line and then out.

Guruceta awarded a goal, but was so overcome by doubts about his decision that he went to the Las Palmas dressing-room after the game and apologised because he felt he might have made a mistake.

In fact, TV film indicated that the ball did in fact cross the line before spinning out. The decision could have cost Las Palmas a U.E.F.A. Cup place, and Guruceta was pleased to be proved right.

HE'S A MUG!

THERE'S been a bribery scandal in Brazil, where the players of Volta Redonda tipped-off the police that a player from another club had offered them cash if they'd lose a League match against São Cristovão. Apparently two businessmen were behind the bribes and the idea was to produce shock results that would net them big wins on the pools. The police have already arrested the player who acted as the go-between and his name is — appropriately — Hilton Mug!

I suppose the police identified him from their library of mug shots...

BRAZIL BACK IN BUSINESS

AFTER almost a year without international football, Brazil are together once again and began their build-up for the Copa America — South American Cup — with an easy 6-0 win over Paraguay. Zico scoring a hat-trick. The team was: Leão; Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Junior; Falcão, Carpegiani, Nilton Batata; Zico, Socrates and Eder.

Manager Claudio Coutinho has planned a busy programme for Brazil, as you'll see:

MAY	
13	— 17 players call-up
15-16	— full-time training sessions
17	— Brazil v. Paraguay, friendly in Rio (6-0)
18	— team dissolved
27	— 17 players call-up
29-30	— training sessions
31	— Brazil v. Uruguay, friendly in Rio (5-1); team dissolved
JUNE	
18	— 16 players call-up
20	— training session
21	— Brazil v. Bulgaria, friendly International
22	— team dissolved
JULY	
2	— 16 players call-up

4	— training session
5	— Brazil v. Portugal, friendly in Rio; team dissolved
22	— 18 players call-up
24	— full-time training session
25	— departure for La Paz, Bolivia, in the afternoon
26	— Bolivia v. Brazil, Copa America (La Paz)
27	— return to Brazil; team dissolved
29	— 16 players call-up
31	— full-time training session

AUGUST	
1	— full-time training session
2	— Brazil v. Argentina in Rio, Copa America
3	— team dissolved
12	— 16 players call-up
14-15	— full-time training sessions
16	— Brazil v. Bolivia, Copa America, in São Paulo; team dissolved
19	— 18 players call-up
21	— full-time training session
22	— departure for Buenos Aires in the morning; training at the River Plate Stadium in the afternoon
23	— Argentina v. Brazil, Copa America, in Buenos Aires
24	— return to Brazil, team dissolved.



Brazilian star Zico in training.

'HOW I SCORED'

ONE of Boca Juniors' unsung heroes is their right-winger "Heber" Mas-trángelo who, at the age of 32, is still knocking in goal after goal. After so many years of goalscoring he must be tired of describing his goals to the Argentinian Press, and when they recently asked him how he headed his second against Atlanta this was his reply: "I saw a big round thing which was about to drop on me, so I shut my eyes. Then I felt something heavy hit me on the head. When I opened my eyes, the big round thing was lying in the net."

HURRICANE IN HOUSTON

IN a recent World Wide I commented on the astonishingly low gate of Houston Hurricane (then the most successful side in this season's North American Soccer League) and the New England Tea Men . . . just 653.

Reader Paul Walker of Cleveland has written to me as he was on holiday in Houston at the time and tells me there is a good reason for the poor attendance.

There was torrential rain in the city and the Astrodome was almost cut off by flood water. Paul says it was a miracle even 653 fans made it to the stadium. I'm happy to put the record straight.

BAYERN Munich players are not getting much of a break this summer. The club decided to take part in two end of season tournaments, in Naples at the end of May and in Toulouse on June 5 and 6. The 1979-80 season then starts again on July 4 when Bayern meet the Cosmos, then on July 25 they have a friendly with local rivals Munich 1860, before meeting Nottm. Forest early in August.

A STRANGE transfer deal in Spain. Real Madrid wanted to sign Racing Santander's Paraguayan-born striker Jiménez, and reached a verbal agreement with both the player and the club. But, in the meantime, Jiménez had signed a legal document which gave a certain Señor Villegas power to arrange a lucrative transfer for him. The Santander president duly met his Real counterpart, Luis De Carlos, to finalise the deal . . . and both were flabbergasted when the F.A. informed them that Villegas had already transferred Jiménez to Valencia!

DARMSTADT, relegated from the West German Bundesliga, have signed Jörg Berger (34) as coach. Herr Berger was a youth coach in EAST Germany until a few months ago, but asked for political asylum whilst over the border.

He has East German coaching certificates, which aren't worth anything in West Germany. However, after a special exam, plus the assurance he will continue to study at the Cologne Sports University, Herr Berger was granted a permit to work in the Second Division.

News flashes

By coincidence, the two German stars Zimmerman and Rummenigge (right) made their international debuts against Wales two years ago, but were never capped together again until the recent match at Wrexham, where West Germany beat Wales 2-0.

The president of Uruguayan club Nacional was freed after 30 hours of questioning by the police after he had been accused of taking £30,000 of the club's money.

When asked about his new contract, Cicero, the right-back of CBB (Brazil) replied: "My wife will negotiate for me — she knows the prices in the supermarket."

Gerd Zewe, whom HSV approached and Günter Netzer was very keen to sign, has signed a new contract with his club Fortuna Düsseldorf till June, 1983, for a basic £75,000 a year.

The Belgian game between Lokeren and SK Beveren was a tough affair, with 53 fouls and four yellow cards. Paul van Genechten, the 38-year-old Beveren defender, was cautioned by a referee two years his junior!

Perugia, who finished runners-up to AC Milan in Italy, were unbeaten in the entire League campaign. But in the Quarter-Finals of the Italian Cup they were beaten 2-1 in Naples.



One of East Germany's football greats is retiring at the end of June. He is Jürgen Sparwasser who won three Cup Finals with 1FC Magdeburg, earned 50 full caps and scored the only goal when E. Germany beat W. Germany in the 1974 World Cup to become a national hero.

When Wales lost at home to West Germany 2-0 it was their first home defeat in five years since Mike Smith took over . . . against a visiting team from outside Britain.

Referees in Peru are threatening to strike unless they get a 100 per cent pay increase to £20 a game.

CARLOS BIANCHI- EUROPE'S "UNKNOWN" GOAL-KING

ONE hundred and twenty-one goals with Vélez Sarsfield in Argentina; over 100 more with Stade Reims in France; and already over 60 with his present club Paris St. Germain. That's the impressive record of Carlos Bianchi, surely one of the most underrated and unsung heroes of European football. The 30-year-old Argentinian striker regularly appears in the European scoring charts, and has been desperately unlucky to have been pipped at the post for the Adidas Golden Boot Award on two occasions. Even so, his collection of trophies includes two Silver Boots and one Bronze — an enviable record.

"I've always had a flair for scoring goals," says Bianchi. "I think it's something you're born with. At least, I reckon it's something that's practically impossible to learn."

Bianchi's particular brand of goal-scoring puts him in the same category as the legendary opportunist Gerd Müller. Bianchi is always marauding in the penalty-box, going in where it hurts and snapping up any half-chance that comes his way.

"I don't care how I put them in as long as they end up in the net! I admit I've scored two goals with my hand during my career, and one of those was in a friendly match! That's how much I want to score in every game I play."

Carlos Bianchi has had the satisfac-

tion of putting the ball in the net almost 300 times since he made his debut as a fuzzy-haired 18-year-old with Vélez Sarsfield back in 1967.

Oddly, Bianchi's childhood idol was a goalkeeper called Carrizo, and he admits he could easily have taken up goalkeeping instead of trying to beat them. But his reputation as an effective striker was well and truly established when he helped Vélez take the National Championship in 1968, and topped the competition's scoring charts in 1969 and 1970 notching his personal best by scoring all five in Vélez's 5-0 win over San Lorenzo.

By 1973, Bianchi's 121 goals had proved beyond doubt that he was no five-minute wonder, and the chance of a lucrative move to Europe was on the cards. Carlos wanted to play in Madrid, Barcelona or Valencia, and had the foresight to include a clause to this effect in his contract with the go-between — who promptly transferred him to Granada.

Bianchi refused point-blank to go, and after a lot of haggling signed instead for historic French club Stade Reims.

"I don't know exactly why Argentinian strikers usually do well in Europe, but perhaps it's because we're that little better at putting the ball where we want it in a fraction of a second less. With today's tight marking, a team-mate is only 'free' for an



Carlos Bianchi (far right) with the silver boot he received last year after being pipped by Krankl (left).

instant, and the timing of passes has got to be spot-on. I think that's where we have the edge."

Bianchi topped the French scoring charts in his first season, and during the following campaign even a broken leg didn't prevent him from notching a respectable total of 15 goals.

"A lot of people said I'd never be the same player again; that I'd be scared to take all the knocks in the area. My answer to those people was to play for the next six months with no shin pads and my socks rolled down. And of course I carried on scoring goals."

After finishing as leading scorer in France in 1974, '75, '78 and '79, Bianchi was among the handful of 'exiled' Argentinians whom César Luis Menotti considered for his World Cup squad. After watching Carlos in action, Menotti decided that Luque's running from deeper positions suited his ideas better than Bianchi's penalty-area marauding.

"Of course I would have loved to play, but Menotti made his thinking very clear, and I respect him for that. I was really pleased Argentina won the World Cup, not just for the results but for the way the team responded with courage and sheer team effort in difficult moments."

In the meantime, Bianchi had been transferred from Reims to Paris St. Germain in 1977 and, surprise, surprise, topped the French scoring charts with 37 League goals only to find that Hans Krankl's 41 for Rapid Vienna had once again pipped him for the Golden Boot.

"I'm a professional goalscorer, and I do my best to do a good job. I think I'm an ambitious person, and I always like to be the best at my job. So far in my career I've always come out on top with my three clubs, but I would like that Golden Boot! I reckon I've got two or three more seasons at top level yet, so don't write me off . . ."

BIANCHI'S SCORING RECORD

Season	Club	Goals
1967-68	Vélez Sarsfield	9
1968-69	Vélez Sarsfield	17
1969-70	Vélez Sarsfield	20
1970-71	Vélez Sarsfield	42
1971-72	Vélez Sarsfield	27
1972-73	Vélez Sarsfield	6
1973-74	Stade Reims	30
1974-75	Stade Reims	15
1975-76	Stade Reims	34
1976-77	Stade Reims	24
1977-78	Paris St. Germain	37
1978-79	Paris St. Germain	27

Total 288

'Not a BAD year for

EVEN though Scotland's 4-0 win in Norway was just the boost we needed, I must be realistic and say our chances of qualifying for the European Championship Finals are still slim. We must win all our four remaining games to feel confident and hope Portugal slip up somewhere along the way.

Even so, the fine victory in Oslo was a happy way to end our first season after the World Cup. Argentina '78 will never be completely forgotten, because too many bad things happened. Our reputation suffered and while it isn't necessary to go into details, there was much left to be desired.

I was surprised when the SFA didn't sack Ally Macleod and his resignation soon after their vote of confidence must have come as a kick in the teeth. However, the SFA did exactly the right thing by wasting little time in appointing Jock Stein, probably the only man who could have taken on the job.

Results may not have been too good since last summer, but I'd say Jock Stein has advanced considerably with the side. I believe he knows pretty well in his mind what sort of line-up he's looking for and his standards will be high.

In the past, players have got by on their reputations, but Mr. Stein won't stand for this. All the Scotland squad knows a new era has just

begun and after a year of experimenting, the manager must be close to knowing what he wants.

On paper, Scotland have invariably had a top side, but it hasn't always produced the goods. Individuals haven't been blended into a team. Sometimes, the individuals have done it and we've won; other times, they haven't and we've lost to feeble sides. Jock Stein is the ideal manager to get the maximum from all his players for the benefit of his side.

I also have the impression that with Scotland's dismal away form, some of the more experienced players almost came to accept defeat as inevitable; this, too, is changing.

The lads who played in Norway must have been very tense. Scotland's failings have been away from home and against smaller countries, so Norway was a big test. We'd narrowly beaten them 3-2 at Hampden, after being seven minutes away from a shock defeat.

They scored a very early goal in Glasgow and made life difficult for us. In fairness, it was a night when little went right for us and another time it could have been Scotland 8, Norway 2. I take a large share of the blame for missing opportunities I usually tuck away; it wasn't one of my best matches for finishing.

I believe Norway hit the bar with the score at 0-0 in Oslo, but having been reprieved, Scotland went from strength to strength to win by a most satisfying scoreline.

Maybe it was asking too much to have the team organised in

ANDY GRAY
Writes for you

"Kenny Dalglish has had more good games than poor ones for Scotland."

time for the European Championship, although I'm convinced in the very near future Scotland will have a team capable of living with the best.

One good away result doesn't suddenly make Scotland a great side, and it mustn't be forgotten we'd just lost to Wales, England and Argentina. Still, it was a breakthrough . . . something on which to build for next season.

Mr. Stein used the British Championship to test some new faces and this was partly responsible for the



Scotland'



"Scotland fans jeered the team during the 3-1 defeat by Argentina."

defeat in Wales. George Burley, Alan Hansen and Paul Hegarty are newcomers at international level and this inexperience was exploited by the evergreen John Toshack, who scored a hat-trick.

*Now, with a run of games behind them, youngsters such as George, Alan, Paul, not to mention Iain Munro and John Wark, are all the better for it.

Mr. Stein will get the best out of the older players, too. There aren't many better stoppers than Gordon McQueen; Archie Gemmill always plays his heart out for Scotland; while Asa Hartford had a tremendous 1978/79 despite troubles with Manchester City.

Quite a few readers have reminded me that I predicted Scotland would beat England at Wembley. Like every Scot, I was disappointed at losing, but it could have been worse because even though we lost, Scotland still played some first-class football, especially in the opening stages.

England had so many bad players in the first 45 minutes I couldn't believe the 1-1 scoreline. The main difference was that the English took their chances while we missed ours. In fairness, England are one of the better teams in the world right now and Ron Greenwood has built up the right sort of club atmosphere so essential at that level.

A week later Scotland were booed by the Hampden fans as Argentina showed why they are World Champions. The supporters' frustrations had been building up and I can understand this. I've never heard the Scotland side jeered at home — Argentina must have been rather special to have brought about such a reaction.

I feel sorry for Kenny Dalglish.

For Liverpool, he is the hero, but he is rapidly becoming a villain for his country. My own feeling is that people are unfair with Kenny and probably expect too much. He's averaged a goal every three games for Scotland, which isn't bad when you consider he hasn't always been an out-and-out striker.

Kenny has had far more good games than poor ones in the famous blue shirt and is, obviously marked very closely. Perhaps the Scotland fans have been spoilt by Kenny's club form for Celtic and Liverpool. Whatever... he's Scotland's most-capped star and their highest scorer; if that isn't consistency then I don't know what is.

As for my own international future, I've had a "working summer" trying to ensure I have no problems when the season starts again in August. The knee feels fine after the cartilage operation and now it's entirely up to me. If I can show I can score goals for Villa, then I'm confident Jock Stein will give me a recall. I've lost around 20 caps with my FIFA suspension and injuries, and I'm anxious to make up for lost time.

I'm only 23 and far from being at my peak. Regardless of the doubts some folk may have about me, yours truly is confident there are plenty of goals to come from Andy Gray!

Andy Gray

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Record crowd?

I went to see Barnsley's home promotion clash with Grimsby at the end of last season — and would like to know if the attendance of 21,261 was a record for a Fourth Division game?

MIRIAM HARPER,
BARNSLEY

• It was a very good game by recent standards, Miriam, but still well off the Fourth Division's best ever.

That stands at 37,774 — for the game between Crystal Palace and Millwall on 31st March, 1961.

Wembley pitch

In the build-up to English Cup Finals, internationals, etc, I often read of the "wide open spaces of Wembley". Is the pitch really all that big?

DAVID MULLAHEY,
FRANCE

• Not really, David — it's probably just something of an optical illusion created by the "wide open-ness" of the Stadium lay-out.

The pitch itself is 115 yards long by 75 yards wide — compared with say, Manchester City's 119 yards by 79 yards at Maine Road.

There are other leading clubs, though, who have quite smaller pitches than that of Wembley — like Arsenal's home playing-area of 110 yards by 74 yards.

England/ Rangers

As a keen supporter, can you please tell me how many Q.P.R. players have played for England in full internationals while on the books of the club?

RICHARD EDMONDSON,
MIDDLESBROUGH

• First of all, Richard, was a player named Lintott — who won three caps against Scotland, Wales, and Ireland in 1907-08 — while Rangers were still in the Southern League.

Then there was a very long gap before — against Switzerland, at Wembley, on 10th November, 1971 — Rodney Marsh came on as sub to become the club's second.

Others since have been Gerty Francis, who skippered the England side, Stan Bowles, Dave Clement, Ian Gillard, Phil Parkes, and Dave Thomas.

John's games

Can you tell me how many League games the great John Charles played, and how many goals he scored, for all his leading clubs?

GRAHAM SHAW,
DONCASTER

• All told — in both the Football League and Italian League — Charles scored 269 goals in 542 games, Graham.

But for the fact that he was a dual purpose man — equally at home at centre-half as centre-forward — his goals-per-game ratio would certainly have been even more impressive.

After his League debut for Leeds in the 1948-49 season, Charles scored 151 goals in 297 games for the club before moving to Juventus in the summer of 1957.

There the "Gentle Giant" (as the Italian fans called him) scored 93 goals in 155 games.

After that, he scored three goals in 11 games in 1962-63 on his brief return to Leeds — then it was back to Italy with four goals in ten games for Roma at the end of that same season.

Charles ended his top League career with 18 goals in 69 games for Cardiff. After that, he became player-manager for a time of then non-League Hereford.

First World Cup Goal

Who scored the first-ever goal in the first-ever World Cup?

STEWART SYME,
BUENTRE

• Chap named Laurent takes that distinction, Stewart — in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 13th July, 1930.

He popped in the first goal, early on in the first-half, in France's 4-1 victory over Mexico.

SHORT PASSES

• Ray Hankin played 112 League games (37 goals) for Burnley before being transferred to Leeds in September, 1976.

(PHILIP HATTON, Twyford)

• It was Jimmy, not Brian, Greenhoff who scored the winning goal in Manchester United's 2-1 victory over Liverpool in the 1977 F.A. Cup Final.

(MICHAEL GRIFFIN, Elce)

• George Armstrong holds the Arsenal League appearance record — 500 Division One games between 1960 and 1977.

(PHIL COOPER, Chesterfield)

• Kenny Dalglish was born in Glasgow on 4th March, 1951.

(HILARY STEWART, Co. Antrim)

• Hull's highest ever finishing position in the League was Third in Division Two in 1909-10, best in the F.A. Cup was being Semi-Finalists in 1929-30.

(DARREN NUNDY, Hull)

• The Leeds team which beat Arsenal 1-0 in the 1968 League Cup Final was — Sprake, Reaney, Cooper, Bremner, Charlton, Hunter, Greenhoff, Lorrimer, Madeley, Giles, Gray. (Sub: Belfitt).

(GEORGE PULICINO, Malta)

• Brian Williams was transferred from Q.P.R. to Swindon on 30th June, 1978.

(IAN RITCHIE, Horsham)

Week ending JANUARY 6

ALLISON RETURNS TO CITY

THE New Year comes in with a bang — a mighty unpleasant one for the clubs. They'd been hoping for bumper gates on the Bank Holiday — but, out of the scheduled full League programme of 46 games, only four remain after snow and ice had taken its grim toll.

Two of them, though, affect those Liverpool-chasers up at the top of the First Division table.

Everton drop a point at Bolton — but, reckoning there's no business like snow business, West Bromwich put on a super show to conquer both the elements and Bristol City.

So, at the end of the first day of 1979, West Brom split the Merseyside giants on goal-difference — all three having a total of 33 points.

Ron Atkinson's Albion have now taken 23 points from their last 12 games — and, as the side on form, must even be causing Liverpool to sweat a bit in the icy cold.

Coventry are likewise getting in on the Midlands revival — and emphasise their determination to press on by offering £450,000 for Kevin Beattie. But Ipswich's firm "No" is as frosty as the weather.

Deep-in-trouble Q.P.R. are also prepared to splash out £400,000 on Villa striker John Deehan — and get much the same answer.

Thanks to the weather, play is pretty quiet — but League General Secretary Alan Hardaker isn't. He slams into clubs for not doing more to ensure that games don't have to be postponed — but doesn't seem to realise the immense problems of manpower and money for all but the most affluent clubs.

He says: "40 to 50 years ago games went ahead in far worse conditions. I can recall Portsmouth calling in 200 Royal Marines to clear snow off the Fratton Park pitch to get the game on."

Maybe so, but where in Rochdale or

Halifax are you going to find 200 Royal Marines standing-by for the soccer call-to-arms?

But not even Mr. H. and his Marines could have done much about Saturday's F.A. Cup Third Round. With the weather really diabolical, only four ties can be played — and even one of those has to be postponed at half-time.

Keith Weller gets a bit of mickey-taking for turning out in white tights as extra protection against the cold, but as Leicester freeze Norwich 3-0 — with Keith scoring one, and making another — who has the last laugh?

Third Division Sheffield Wednesday hold Arsenal to a 1-1 draw — which (though we don't know it yet) is only the first instalment of a long-running drama serial to come.

Up here at Hillsborough, the electronic scoreboard has a very topical message to flash-out — an appeal to young fans to stop throwing snowballs at Pat Jennings!

And, up there at Maine Road, a familiar figure turns up again — for Big Mal is back: Allison, currently Plymouth manager, needs only a 15-minute chat with Tony Book to accept Manchester City's offer to return as coach to the club he led, in tandem with Joe Mercer, to big things in the late '60's and early '70's.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 3 — Leicester; Shrewsbury.
TOTAL GOALS: 16 (average 2.67 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: None.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 33,635 (Sheffield Wed. v. Arsenal).
TOTAL GATE: 92,914.
AVERAGE GATE: 15,486.

LEICESTER'S BORDER RAID

SNOW, snow, thick thick snow. The weather leads Scottish football a not-so-merry dance. Blizzards sweep the country and soccer is put on ice.

Ian Clinging, Motherwell's 20-year-old striker turns down a move to Leicester. Jock Wallace, the former Rangers manager had agreed on a fee of £75,000.

However, Clinging, signed two years previously from Carlisle Rovers, says he feels he is too young and not quite ready to travel South. He says he wants to stay at Fir Park.

Says Clinging: "I just don't want to go. Maybe in a few years time I will feel

different, but at the moment I'm not ready to move to England. I'm happy at Motherwell and I also have family ties in Scotland."

But Wallace is delighted at his other over the border raid — the £85,000 signing of Bobby Smith from Hibs. Jock says he was "quite outstanding" in Leicester's 2-0 win over Oldham.

In the Premier Division some of the teams look abroad in a bid to beat the freeze. Celtic and Hibs both try to fix up games in sunnier climes but flying and accommodation difficulties squash any quick solutions to the enforced winter closedown.



Malcolm Allison (below) after his appointment. Bobby Smith (right) was signed from Hibs by Leicester boss Jock Wallace.

Week ending JANUARY 13

CUP BLOWS AT CHARLTON

IS the third League and F.A. Cup "Double" of the 20th century on? Even if there's not all that much actual play about, the bookies certainly seem to think so.

With nearly four months of the season still to run... the most generous they'll offer on Paisley's men achieving that coveted twosome is a mere 7-to-1.

All the same, when Liverpool are able to play their postponed tie at Southend, it's far from plain-sailing. On a difficult snow-bound pitch, they're quite content to settle for a goal-less draw against the battling Third Divisioners.

Real sensation of Tuesday's Cup-ties is Charlton having strikers Derek Hales and Mike Flanagan both sent-off for fighting — not their Maidstone opponents, but each other!

Then, just to add insult to injury, the non-Leagueers cheekily hold out for a replay on their own ground.

West Ham keep up their embarrassing tradition of being a Cup giantkiller's dream by going out at Newport.

And Jack Charlton's lads do it again — as, after holding Arsenal 1-1 at home, they repeat the score in an extra-time thriller at Highbury.

But there's an even bigger blow to North London pride the following night — when neighbours Spurs are held to a red-faced 1-1 home draw by non-League Altrincham.

And Everton, well-fancied in some quarters to go all the way to Wembley, fall at first attempt to Second Division Sunderland.

Successive days in midweek bring two big transfer deals. First, David Mills goes from Middlesbrough to West Bromwich for half-a-million; then Brian Talbot leaves Ipswich for Arsenal, the side he helped to beat at Wembley last May, for £50,000 less.

There are repercussions at both Charlton — where Hales is sacked but with the club exerting the legal, if perhaps not moral,

right to retain his registration so he can't play elsewhere in the League without a transfer fee — and at Manchester City, where Bill Taylor quits as coach following the sudden return of Big Mal.

After a temporary midweek respite, the really bleak weather is back for Saturday — with only 12 League games playable in England.

Thanks to Arsenal's foresight in having an "electric blanket" pitch, their home game with Champions Forest is one of those few to beat the freeze.

The spectators are still a bit frozen — but a bumper gate of 52,158 of them turn out to see expensive new-boy Brian Talbot make his Arsenal debut. It's worth braving the cold, though, as The Gunners tan the Clough-men 2-1.

But the week's other big-money buy, £500,000 David Mills, doesn't get a game, despite the fee. He's left shivering on the subs' bench to watch West Brom earn a valuable point at Norwich to by-pass Liverpool (whose own game is frozen-off) to go to the top of the table.

It's the first time Albion have been up there for fully 25 years, and couldn't have happened on a more appropriate day — live-wire Ron Atkinson's first anniversary as manager of the club.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Cambridge.
TOTAL GOALS: 34 (average 2.83 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Biley (Cambridge v. Cardiff).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, West Bromwich; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Portsmouth.
HIGHEST GATE: 52,158 (Arsenal v. Forest).
TOTAL GATE: 180,887.
AVERAGE GATE: 15,074.

A WINTER CLOSE-DOWN

THE weather keeps football in cold storage. Hibs fly out to Israel for a friendly in Tel Aviv, and Celtic fix up a game in Portugal. They beat Estoril 4-0.

But the rest of Scotland's teams are still on ice...

Once more the question of a winter closedown is raised. One man who wants an end to the "pantomime on ice" is Aberdeen's vice-chairman Chris Anderson.

He says that it is a sound proposition to close down not just because of the weather but because of the fact that some fans, facing extra demands on their cash during the Christmas and New Year holidays, are giving away games the "body swerve".

He adds: "How do we know when the winter weather — not bad weather, winter weather — will come?"

"It's easy, statistics generally show us the bad period. Ask any climber when he expects the worst conditions in this country."

"If we cut out the week before Christmas, the whole of January and the first half of February we would probably miss the worst of the weather."

"That would be a period of around eight weeks. If there were any cancellations later in February they could easily be played in May."

"During the break full-time clubs could go on tours in the sun. Spectators' comforts are also important and it is obvious the players can perform better in decent conditions."

Mr Anderson says he plans to bring up the subject at a meeting of the League as soon as possible.

The Scottish Football authorities decide to write to U.E.F.A. to protest against the Common Market ruling which will, in effect, bring about freedom of contract for Scots players. They claim clubs will lose top players and will only receive minimal compensation.



Mike Flanagan (left) scores for Charlton against Maidstone in the F.A. Cup.

1978-79 season in England and Scotland

Week ending JANUARY 20 . . .

OWLS HOLD GUNNERS AGAIN

POSTPONED and replayed F.A. Cup-ties dominate the early-week news. This time Charlton make no mistake — but, after two team-mates being sent-off for fighting each other in the original tie, there's still a touch of the Monty Python's about it all before they can finally put out non-League Maidstone. This time the floodlights fail with Charlton leading 2-1 with less than a minute to go — and the teams have to wait in darkness for another 20 minutes to get in the last few kicks.

Oh, yes, and battling Wednesday do it again — holding Arsenal 2-2 after extra-time in a second replay at neutral Leicester.

Then they do it AGAIN — a couple of days later, also at Leicester — by containing the frustrated Gunners to 3-3 after extra-time in a third replay.

And Highbury "old boy" Brian Hornsby — who spent six years on the Arsenal staff with only a handful of League appearances to show for it — has the personal satisfaction of following up both goals in the second replay with another in the third!

No more chances, though, for Altrincham. After sensationally holding Spurs to 1-1 at White Hart Lane, they go down by 3-0 in the replay.

But Doc's Derby, faltering alarmingly in the First Division, have another setback in the Cup. Nobby Stiles' workmanlike Preston convincingly clobber them 3-0.

Palace have an epidemic of 'flu — in fact, manager Terry Venables admits he'd even considered asking for the replay to be postponed — but it's Middlesbrough who catch the cold.

A stunning 60-second goal by brilliant young defender Ken Sansom is enough to set off Palace on what could be another thrilling Cup run.

Liverpool make no mistake second time out in disposing of gallant South-

end — and it's Stoke who have the bitterest pill to swallow.

They had been two-up against Oldham, and seemingly coasting to a place in the next round, when worsening weather had caused a half-time abandonment.

Now, with the tie played all over again, it's Oldham who get the only goal of the game.

In the League Cup, holders Forest take a good step towards retaining the trophy when they beat Watford 3-1 in the Semi-Final first-leg — after Luther Blissett had put the visitors into a shock ninth minute lead.

Back to the League on Saturday, and back to bad weather as well — with 26 English games off.

Amongst those surviving the ice, Danny Blanchflower's Chelsea get a welcome win at Manchester City — the club so full of promise, yet so woefully short on fulfilment — and Leeds win at Tottenham to help their steady rise up the table. But they're the only one of the top six to get a game.

Amidst all the inactivity on the field, though, it seems the day of the Million-Pound Footballer is looming ever nearer — with ambitious Coventry now emerging as favourites to snap up Trevor Francis.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 3 — Ipswich; Chelsea; Orient; Watford; Bury; Plymouth.
TOTAL GOALS: 42 (average 2.47 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: None.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, West Bromwich; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Portsmouth.
HIGHEST GATE: 36,828 (Spurs v. Leeds).
TOTAL GATE: 222,328.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,078.

FUN AT FIR PARK

SCOTTISH League football finally kicks off 1979 — but even at this late start there is still a casualty, the Thistle v Celtic match at Firhill falls foul of the weather after a morning inspection.

St. Mirren knock on wood twice before winning at home to Dundee United. Jimmy Bone is more a sinner, than a Saint, for the Paisley side. First he misses a great chance then is on the spot to net a rebound off the post from a Munro shot.

United scored a shock equaliser through Sturrock, but Saints restore their lead when Torrance heads in after a McGarvey shot smacks off the bar.

Second-half goals from MacDonald and Watson give Rangers their first win of the "New Year" when they beat Morton at a freezing Cappielow.

The Arctic conditions cut the crowd

at Easter Road as Hibs line up against Aberdeen and draw 1-1.

Although neither team had played since Christmas the strikers of Motherwell and Hearts are still in good form as the brave 4,000 fans who turn out at Fir Park find out.

Pettigrew, Stevens and Clinging are all on target for 'Well and Robertson and O'Connor are the marksmen for Hearts.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 15,000 (Morton v Rangers)
PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 34,000
TOTAL GOALS: 31
TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United
HIGHEST SCORE: 5 Stenhousemuir

Week ending JANUARY 27

CHELSEA SELL AND BUY

THE bleak weather bites deeper than ever but — thanks to Leicester's hot-air balloon-type pitch protection — Wednesday and Arsenal are able to go ahead with their FOURTH replay.

And, at last, the Third Round's longest long-player — five games, nine hours, and 16 goals — is over as The Gunners finally ditch Jack Charlton's never-say-die lads 2-0.

Rejuvenated Leeds, too, have been strongly tipped to reach Wembley in the League Cup Final — but, despite the sending-off of Phil Boyer, Southampton hold on for a 2-2 first-leg Semi-Final draw.

Unlucky Malcolm Macdonald undergoes an operation on the left knee which has sidelined him for much of the season — but both he, and Arsenal manager Terry Neill, hotly deny rumours that "Supermac's" First Division days may be numbered.

They say football's a young man's game — but don't tell that to Alec Stock. He's seen it all as player, and even more so as manager, and now he jumps at the chance of packing in the "retirement" of being a Q.P.R. director to take up the challenge of being team-boss of Fourth Division strugglers Bournemouth.

Transfers are again in the news — with Derby paying £275,000 for Chelsea's Steve Wicks; the Londoners immediately getting rid of £200,000 of it to capture Hearts midfielder Eamonn Bannon.

Coloured Watford striker Luther Blissett is undoubtedly one of the season's young hot-properties — and Ron Greenwood is astute enough to make sure his future progress is aimed towards an England shirt.

Greenwood names him in his Under-21 squad to play Wales next month — just

pipping Mike Smith, who was equally keen to snap-up the "open-to-offers" Blissett for his own Welsh future.

In applying for a British passport, the Jamaican-born goal-grabber became potentially available for any of the four home nations — but Greenwood has wisely beaten the others to it.

Saturday is yet another Pools Panel day — with 30 English Cup and League games frozen-off.

Only five of the 16 Fourth Round F.A. Cup-ties can be played — but, after their earlier marathon, at least Arsenal put out Notts County at first time of asking. And Orient earn a good draw on the ground of Cup-holders Ipswich.

It was tough, mighty tough, in the West when non-League Worcester KO'd Plymouth from the Cup back in November.

League-wise, there are only four games — but, even though Watford drop a point at Oxford, they're still five clear in the table . . . just to emphasise that Elton John's precocious Third Division outfit are right on song for bigger things ahead.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 3 — Forest.
TOTAL GOALS: 15 (average 1.67 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: None.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, West Bromwich; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Portsmouth.
HIGHEST GATE: 39,173 (Arsenal v. Notts County).
TOTAL GATE: 160,079.
AVERAGE GATE: 17,786.

ANGRY HEARTS FANS

AFTER a mid-week thaw had raised hopes the freezing cold returns with a vengeance and virtually obliterates the Scottish Cup programme.

Of all the Premier Division clubs only Aberdeen and Hearts play. Rangers' Third Round tie with Motherwell is ruled out . . . Celtic are told not to travel to Montrose . . . Morton's match with St Johnstone is off . . . Thistle do not go to Stirling Albion. The Dundee United v St Mirren match is also postponed.

Two late second-half goals from Miller and Harper puts Aberdeen through against Hamilton and ex-Raith Rovers man Robertson returns with Hearts to score the two goals needed to put the Tynecastle men into the next round. In their Cup-tie on the Sunday Hibs draw 1-1 with Second Division Dunfermline away from home.

Hearts fans, angered by the mid-week transfer of Eamonn Bannon to Chelsea for £200,000, make their feelings known to the

club's management. They call for the sacking of the board and of manager Willie Ormond, the ex-boss of the Scotland squad.

Gordon Wallace, aged 28, walks out on his club, Dundee United. The striker phones manager Jim McLean to say he is no longer interested in full-time football. As Wallace goes in for a second cartilage operation McLean suspends him.

Wallace's old club Raith Rovers then step in and sign him up as a player-coach.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

CUP GATES: 27,000.
HIGHEST GATE: 10,000 (Hamilton v Aberdeen).
CUP GOALS: 6.
HIGHEST CUP SCORE: 2 Hearts, Aberdeen.
In the only other game that weekend Second Division East Stirling beat Stranraer 4-1.



Sheffield Wednesday celebrate another goal against Arsenal.



Motherwell's Ian Clinging.



Arsenal's Malcolm Macdonald (left) had a knee operation. Aberdeen's Willie Miller (right).

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Coventry City signed which Everton full-back for around £250,000?

2. Did Southend United, Shrewsbury Town or Sheffield Wednesday sign former Walsall striker, Mike Tuohy from Redditch for around £15,000?

3. Spurs won the Japan Cup recently when they beat Dundee United, Partick Thistle or Motherwell 2-0 in the Final?

4. Who succeeded Warwick Rimmer as manager of Fourth Division Crewe Alexandra?

5. The Stoke City boss Alan Durban recently turned down the chance of taking over which other top club?

6. From this Charlton Athletic team group (below) taken in the mid-60's, can you identify the Second Division star second left, second row from back?

7. Which club paid around £60,000 to secure the services of Dutch star Look Urmse from AZ 67?

8. Which player, yet to play a League game, did Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough (above) agree to transfer for £200,000?

9. Former Manchester City player Ian Mellor was signed by which former World Cup hero for which Third Division club?

10. England's Youth team recently took part in the Little World Cup competition in Austria. Did they reach the Final?

11. Who said Tony Currie was not worth his club spending £600,000 on?

12. Which Fourth Division manager rejected the opportunity to manage Sunderland before Ken Knighton accepted the job?

13. World Champions Argentina played Scotland in a friendly recently and won 3-1 at Hampden Park. Who scored the Scots only goal?

14. West Ham's goalkeeper Mervyn Day is on the transfer list for a

fee of £100,000, £150,000 or £200,000?

15. Did Southampton's Charlie George, Alan Ball or David Peach recently have to enter hospital for a cartilage operation?

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland were involved in crucial European Championship games recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the ties.

16. Wales travelled to Malta and won 2-0 . . . who scored their goals?

17. England played Bulgaria in Sofia and gained a fine 3-0 win with goals from Kevin Keegan, Dave Watson and Peter Barnes. Bob Latchford and Barnes were substituted by two players from the same club . . . can you name the pair?

18. Denmark caused a shock when they beat Northern Ireland 2-0, 3-0

or 4-0 in Copenhagen?

19. Scotland are back in contention after beating Norway 4-0 in Oslo. What was the half-time score?

20. How many of the Home countries headed their groups after those matches?

ANSWERS

1. David Jones, 2. Southend, 3. Dundee United, 4. Tony Wad- dington, 5. Derby County, 6. West Ham's Billy Bonds, Stoke City, 8. Goalkeeper Chris Woods, 9. Jack Charlton for Sheffield Wednesday, 10. No, they finished in third place, 11. Watford chairman Elton John, 12. Len Ashurst, 13. Arthur Graham, 14. £150,000, 15. Charlie George, 16. Peter Nicholas and Brian Flynn, 17. Trevor Francis and Tony Wood- cock of Nottingham Forest, 18. 4-0, 19. 3-0 to Scotland, 20. England top Group One and Wales head Group Seven.

Go for the Double ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Birtles, (6) Go, (7) Or, (8) Boil, (11) Webs, (13) Borota, (15) Ate, (16) Novel, (17) Edge, (20) Neal, (21) So, (22) Darts, (25) Tor, (28) John, (30) Sincil, (32) Ure, (33) Aspic, (34) Rip, (36) Bury, (37) Prenton. DOWN:— (1) Bowles, (2) Ire, (3) Tested, (4) Ebb, (5) Soon, (6) Glove, (9) Irons, (10) Ball, (12) Bag, (14) Team, (18) Donor, (19) Cross, (23) At, (24) Trip, (26) Occur, (27) Lloyd, (28) Jump, (29) Here, (31) Nib, (33) Apt, (35) In.

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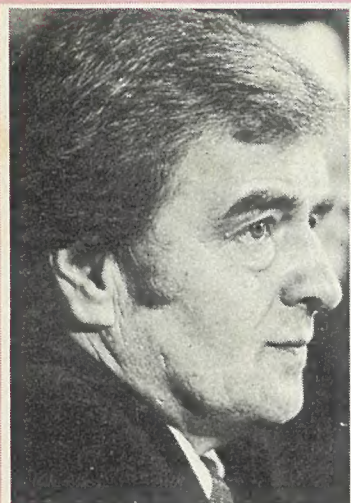
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TWO NORTH-EAST TEAMS WHO COULD GO PLACES NEXT SEASON...



A splendid surge of form late in the season sent Boro racing up the First Division table. They played fine football, both home and away, and confirmed Neal's thoughts that his side were good enough to do much better in the race for honours.

Neal says: "We have been labelled a negative side, but the way we played in that fine run and the sides we beat, proved we were anything but negative.

high standard, notably players like Mahoney, Craggs, Boam and Burns. Micky Burns has always scored goals wherever he has been and he's done well for us. I knew he would and I'm delighted to have got him."

Neal admits that, after two seasons as manager of a First Division club, he feels it is the only place to be. "It is a marvellous Division with a high overall standard," he says. "Some of the

and off the field. The crowds averaged 17,000, which is slightly disappointing although we got between 20,000 and 23,000 in our fine run of form near the end of the season. That showed what the potential was, if we could maintain that standard. It would be nice to see a full house every week but that is not on at the moment. However, I would like our average to become something around the 25,000 figure.

"We could do with a few more fans but the ones we have are loyal, and got right behind the team near the end of the season. That really encouraged us all."

Next season? Neal says that Boro's form near the end of the last campaign, was good enough to put them into the top three in the table. "I want to maintain that high standard," he says. "I'd like to see us keeping that form going for four or five months. Anything could happen next season if we can re-produce the sort of form we showed near the end of 1978-79."

"We have a talented squad now at Ayresome with some young lads who have had First Division experience. I'm optimistic for the future and I believe this club can really go places."

"We have proved to ourselves and to football fans all over the country that we can play and entertain. If people don't want to believe us, I feel they can take it or leave it. But we know we can do it and that's the important thing."

"The foundations are now there. We can build from those and we have a good chance in the seasons to come."

MIDDLESBROUGH

'We'll rid ourselves of our unfashionable tag'

SAYS MANAGER JOHN NEAL

MIDDLESBROUGH manager John Neal holds a burning ambition to rid the Ayresome Park club of their unfashionable image.

Boro have been saddled with the tag for the last few years. First, under Jackie Charlton, and now under Neal, Boro have been known as the First Division unfashionables. They've been criticised as dreary, defensive, boring, unattractive.

Yet Neal, who joined them from Wrexham, has been determined to change it all. And he has already proved to fans in many parts of the country, that Middlesbrough are changing their ways and becoming a better side in the process.

But we still haven't broken through in some areas. I was ever so disappointed, for example, when we went to Chelsea near the end and lost 2-1. That was a shame because we could play so much better than we showed that day. It spoiled our fine run, too, and we missed a chance to show London fans what we were really capable of."

Neal says that the 'unfashionable, negative' tag is something that has stuck. "People often aren't prepared to go and see for themselves whether it's right or wrong," he says. "But we have changed already and I'm sure we will continue to make progress."

"Senior players have maintained a

grounds, the stadiums and the facilities you see are magnificent. I have really enjoyed taking my team to the great clubs and grounds around England; the Liverpools, Manchesters and London clubs. It's a wonderful feeling."

Middlesbrough, too, are now planning for the future — and aiming to build a future alongside those top clubs. "We are working on better facilities," explains Neal. "We are reshaping the ground, building new dressing-rooms, which should be second to none, and a large sports hall with an indoor gym ready for the new season."

"We are trying to go places both on

SUNDERLAND

'New signings would strengthen a fine squad'

SAYS GOALKEEPER BARRY SIDDALL

SUNDERLAND'S Barry Siddall firmly believes the North-East badly needs either his club or Newcastle United in Division One in 1980-81. And by saying this, the giant goalkeeper means no disrespect to Middlesbrough.

He says: "If we can gain promotion, the area would benefit tremendously by the interest shown, and the support given to us at Roker. And the same situation would exist over at St. James' Park if Newcastle were to finish in the top three. Of course, it would be even better if both clubs went up."

"Middlesbrough have done their part in keeping the flag flying for the North-East in the First Division last term, but they are never well supported even when achieving good results. Whereas the Tyne and Wear fans will always rally round a successful side."

When Sunderland narrowly failed to gain promotion last term, it wasn't only a shattering disappointment for the Roker supporters — it was also the second time in his career that Siddall had been with a club that missed out in getting a place in the leading trio in their very last game of the season.

Barry recalls: "As we trooped off the field after beating Wrexham, our fans and some of the players thought that our win had given us promotion. But I still didn't wholly believe it, and the results that came in later showed we had just failed to make it."

"With my previous club, Bolton, a similar thing happened. We had to beat Charlton away in our final match to go up — providing West Brom didn't beat Oldham in Lancashire."

"We won 4-0 at The Valley and I felt great. Then on reaching the dressing-room, I saw the face of our manager, Ian Greaves, and realised the worst — Albion had beaten Oldham by a lone goal, and they went up instead."

As a player who knows what it is to have come so close to promotion and then fail to achieve it, Siddall has clear-cut ideas on Sunderland's chances of fighting their way out of the Second Division next season.

"The present bunch of players at Roker is the finest I've known in my career, and it's possible that this identical squad could take the team into the First Division. But ideally, I would like us to sign two or three first-class men who could substantially increase our potential."



"Last season we did well enough away to pick up 26 points, but we lost five matches at home, including one against Cardiff on April 28, which as it turned out cost us promotion."

"In that game, and one against Blackburn almost two weeks earlier, the crowd was so impatient for us to score that some of our young players were influenced by the attitude of the fans — they started hitting long balls, as opposed to the closer-passing game we play away from home, and we suffered by not sticking to our most effective style."

"The matches against Blackburn and Cardiff were the two most disappointing I appeared in last term — the team performance which I considered our best was the 4-1 'derby' victory over Newcastle United on their own

ground."

"And my own personal best was Sunderland's match away to Cambridge in April, when we won 2-0, and everything seemed to come off for me."

Siddall, 24, standing 6ft. 1in., and weighing almost 14½ st., was transferred from Bolton to Sunderland two and a half years ago, and in the last six seasons has missed only two games, through injury.

Barry plans to relax in the close season by putting in plenty of time at the golf course.

His handicap is seven, and his attitude to golf is the same as the one he adopts between the posts on a Saturday afternoon. He says: "I like to win."

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